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DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ADDRESSED HEALTH CARE POLICY AT BI-STATE'S CANDIDATE FORUM

BOW, NH – Oct. 6, 2020 – Seven Congressional and Gubernatorial candidates attended Bi-State's virtual 2020 Candidate Forum on Oct. 5, 2020, including Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster, Congressman Chris Pappas, Steve Negron, and Matt Mowers. Gubernatorial Candidates included Gov. Chris Sununu and Senator Dan Feltes. All Candidates on the New Hampshire election ballot were invited.

President and CEO Tess Stack Kuenning introduced the candidates and offered each one time to make opening remarks and address questions received in advance. Throughout the event, the Candidates responded to audience questions focusing on topics that ranged from the critical importance of comprehensive primary and preventive health care, the impact of COVID-19 on patients, social drivers of health, substance use disorder treatment, and expanding the health care workforce.

Each Candidate committed to ensuring access to primary health care services and efforts to ensure the development of a strong health care workforce in the Granite State. "We greatly appreciate the time the Candidates took to attend Bi-State's Candidates Forum and all their thoughtful comments," said Tess Stack Kuenning. Fifty CEOs, executive staff, and board members from Bi-State's member organizations were in attendance. Bi-State members include Community Health Centers, Area Health Education Centers, Health Center Controlled Network, and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. Bi-State members provide or support primary health care services to more than 122,000 Granite Staters.

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ABOUT BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1986. Bi-State Primary Care Association represents New Hampshire and Vermont's 28 Community Health Centers, serving over 315,400 patients at 143 locations across every county in New Hampshire and Vermont. Bi-State works to promote access to quality, affordable primary health care, with an emphasis on reaching medically underserved populations. Bi-State has offices in Bow, NH, and Montpelier, VT.