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MID-TERM CANDIDATES EXPRESS VIEWS ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE – October 3, 2022 – New Hampshire candidates running in the mid-term elections were invited to speak at Bi-State Primary Care Association's New Hampshire Candidates Forum on October 3, 2022. The virtual forum provided an opportunity for candidates to share their views on health care access and workforce development with Bi-State's member organizations, including Community Health Centers, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, and the Area Health Education Centers. Approximately 100,000 Granite Staters depend on Community Health Centers for their primary and preventive medical, dental, reproductive, and behavioral health care.

Bi-State's president and CEO, Tess Stack Kuenning, introduced the candidates and offered each time to make opening remarks and state the specific actions they will take to ensure New Hampshire residents have access to comprehensive primary and preventive health care if they are elected.

Candidates in attendance included U.S. Congressional candidate for District 1, Representative Chris Pappas; District 2 candidates Representative Annie Kuster and Robert Burns. Gubernatorial candidates included Gov. Chris Sununu and New Hampshire Senator Tom Sherman, MD. Senator Maggie Hassan, Karoline Leavitt, and Donald Bolduc were unavailable at the time of the live forum.

Throughout the event, candidates responded to questions on topics ranging from health care provider education, expanding the health care workforce, health care delivery systems, increasing access to mental health care, substance misuse treatment, and addressing the social drivers of health in New Hampshire

"As primary care and public health providers serving in all of New Hampshire's counties, our Community Health Centers appreciate the time the candidates took to attend, answer questions, and engage in dialogue around how they will support access to comprehensive primary and preventive health care for all Granite Staters," said Tess Stack Kuenning.

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Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that represents New Hampshire and Vermont's 23 Community Health Centers which serve over 300,000 patients at 143 locations across every county in New Hampshire and Vermont, and which represents the networks, consortia, and the Area Health Education Center programs that are also committed to supporting the primary care safety-net.

Bi-State was founded in 1986 as a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization with offices in Bow, New Hampshire, and Montpelier, Vermont.