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DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN, AND LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES ATTEND FORUM  
TO DISCUSS THEIR VIEWS ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND WORKFORCE

MONTPELIER, VT – September 14, 2022 – Seven Vermont Senate, Congressional, Gubernatorial, and Lt. Gubernatorial candidates attended Bi-State Primary Care Association's virtual Candidate Forum on September 14, 2022. We notified all qualified candidates filed with the Vermont Secretary of State for these four elections. The finalists of the August 9<sup>th</sup> Vermont primaries were invited to participate in the September 14<sup>th</sup> Candidate Forum. Senate candidates, Congressman Peter Welch, and Gerald Malloy; Congressional candidates Ericka Redick and Liam Madden; Gubernatorial candidate Brenda Siegel; and Lt. Gubernatorial candidates Joe Benning, and David Zuckerman attended the forum.

Bi-State's president and CEO, Tess Stack Kuenning, introduced the candidates and offered each time to make opening remarks and offer specific actions they will support to ensure Vermonters have access to comprehensive primary and preventive medical, oral health, mental health, and substance misuse health care if they are elected.

Throughout the event, Candidates responded to audience questions focusing on topics ranging from health care provider education, expanding the health care workforce, health care delivery systems, access to mental health care, substance misuse treatment, and addressing social drivers of health in Vermont. "We greatly appreciate the time the Candidates took to attend Bi-State's forum and all their thoughtful comments," said Tess Stack Kuenning, President, and CEO. The audience included CEOs and executive staff from Bi-State's member Community Health Centers. Bi-State's Vermont members provide health care and health education services to more than 205,000 Vermonters annually.

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ABOUT BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Bi-State Primary Care Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that 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 underserved populations. Bi-State was founded in 1986 as a 501©(3) charitable organization with offices in Bow, New Hampshire, and Montpelier, Vermont.