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NH BUSINESS LEADERS SUPPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

CONCORD, NH – Several hundred legislators, business leaders, commissioners, and corporate sponsors attended the Legislative and Business Breakfast in Concord on Feb.1. Hosted by Bi-State Primary Care Association and its members, the annual breakfast provides a platform to demonstrate the cost-effective model of care provided by Community Health Centers. The 17 Community Health Centers represented by Bi-State provide comprehensive primary and preventive care to approximately 125,000 individuals (about 1 in 10 NH residents). Medical, dental, and behavioral health care is available to all ages through the Community Health Centers, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay.



Patient of the Week, Carole O'Keefe (center) poses with Bi-State's Stephanie Pagliuca (L) and Patricia McMurry, from White Mountain Community Health Center.

How and why NH's business community actively supports Community Health Centers was demonstrated by an impressive cast of unscripted "real-life" business leaders, representatives, and agency directors who participated in Bi-State's latest video project entitled "CHC Morning News with Dyann Stoyer." Anchor woman "Dyann Stoyer" was played by Bi-State's director of NH Public Policy, Vanessa Santarelli – a familiar face around the State House. Video production was supported by sponsors and a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation.

Executive Director, Tess Stack Kuenning, announced the launch of Bi-State's new website and an important new tool to help people find the closest Community Health Center in New Hampshire or Vermont. "Find a Health Center in NH or VT" appears on every page - just

enter your address or town to see a map with Community Health Center locations, contact information, and driving directions. The "CHC Morning News with Dyann Stoyer" video can be seen online: [Bi-State PCA - CHC Morning News.](#)

The NH Legislative and Business Breakfast was sponsored by Centrix Bank, Anthem, AT&T, BAE Systems, Harvard Pilgrim, Northeast Delta Dental, Fairpoint, Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, Fidelity Investments, Laconia Savings Bank, American Cancer Society, Capitol Insights Group (Shaheen & Gordon, P.A.), Dennehy & Bouley, Legislative Solutions, Betsy Miller, New Hampshire Dental Society, Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C., Adam Schmidt, Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group, Sulloway & Hollis, and The Dupont Group.



Presenting Sponsor: Centrix Bank. Joseph Reilly, President of Centrix Bank (3rd from R), brought his team to the Breakfast.

Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving Vermont and New Hampshire, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c) 3 charitable organization that promotes access to effective and affordable primary care and preventive services for all, with special emphasis on underserved populations in New Hampshire and Vermont. With offices in New Hampshire and Vermont, Bi-State works with federal, state, and regional health policy organizations, foundations, and payers to develop strategies, policies, and programs that provide and support community-based primary health care services in medically underserved areas.