

No. R-436. House concurrent resolution recognizing Boseung Halliwell, PMHNP, for her efforts to improve the quality of health care delivery in Lamoille County.

(H.C.R.334)

Offered by: Representatives Woodward of Johnson, Martin of Wolcott, Peltz of Woodbury, Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, the state of Vermont strives to provide all its citizens with quality medical and mental health care services, regardless of their economic or social status, in an effective and efficient manner that utilizes existing resources and infrastructure, and

Whereas, federally qualified health care centers (FQHC) are providers of medical services that are eligible for federal support and serve an underserved area or population, offer a sliding fee scale, provide comprehensive health care services, and have a governing board of directors, and

Whereas, a designated mental health agency (DMHA) is a provider of mental health care services for a particular geographic area of the state, and

Whereas, Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley and Lamoille Community Connections serve as the FQHC and the DMHA in Lamoille County, and

Whereas, Boseung Halliwell is a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) who works in Lamoille County, and

Whereas, while Vermonters are fortunate to be able to avail themselves of the services of both FQHCs and DMHAs, medical and mental health services

have traditionally been provided independently of one another, resulting in fractured care at an increased cost, and

Whereas, in Lamoille County, the regional FQHC and DMHA are engaged in a pioneering collaboration to offer medical and mental health care services at a centralized center, a goal that is desirable throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, Boseung Halliwell's specific collaborative work involving Community Mental Health Services of Lamoille Valley and Lamoille Community Connections has centralized the patient-centered medical home model, and this organizational consolidation has raised the quality of care for her patients and enabled them to participate in the 340b prescription drug discount program, all of which has been to their great benefit, and

Whereas, her creative efforts to unite the different elements of health care delivery are a model for her professional colleagues to emulate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Boseung Halliwell, PMHNP, for her efforts in Lamoille County to improve the quality of health care delivery, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Boseung Halliwell, PMHNP, at Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley in Morrisville.