



The VT-ILEHP LEND program is proud to announce that alum Dr. Fred Holmes (2001 LEND graduate) is featured in “The Hungry Heart,” a documentary film on drug addiction and recovery in Vermont by Bess O’Brien, released September 2013. Dr. Holmes shares a gift of connecting with each of his patients on a level that contributes to the healing and recovery for many while also exploring the stories of addiction, recurrence, and consequences.

Heroin and opiate prescription drug addiction has become a serious concern in Vermont and was the topic of Governor Shumlin’s State of the State address on January 8, 2014. The Hungry Heart was shown as a legislative screening January 21, 2014 to assist legislators in understanding the opiate abuse epidemic in Vermont and gather insight on what next steps the legislature might take to support the governor’s plan to encourage officials to respond to addiction as a chronic disease, with treatment and support, rather than with only punishment and incarceration.

The full Kingdom County Productions News Release can be read here:

<http://vtdigger.org/2013/09/11/the-hungry-heart-film-premieres-in-st-albans-on-sept-21/>