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## **ABHW President and CEO Participates in Historic White House Conference on Mental Health, Applauds National Dialogue**

**WASHINGTON, DC (June 3, 2013):** The following quote can be attributed to Pamela Greenberg, President and CEO of the Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness:

*On behalf of the nearly 125 million people served by ABHW members, I applaud the President and Vice President for convening such an important national dialogue. Every day in this country, millions of Americans are living with mental health issues and substance use disorders. Too many have not been able to receive the treatment they need. For some, the obstacle has been a lack of insurance coverage. For others, it is the persistent social stigma associated with seeking treatment for mental health needs. But things are changing - on both fronts - for the better.*

*The Affordable Care Act will provide 32 million Americans access to coverage for mental health and substance use disorders. As a result, many Americans may be in a position to seek treatment for the first time. This is an historic change for this country, and ABHW member companies are ready to provide people with the services they need to help treat their illness and live a full life.*

*In part as the result of recent tragedies, more and more Americans are talking about mental health issues in their own lives and their communities, and in doing so, recognizing that mental health is an essential part of overall health and well-being. Today's conversation is a meaningful step in a long but essential process. I am honored to be in attendance and, on behalf of ABHW and our members, I look forward to being part of the important work yet to come.*

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