

# ABHW POLICY PRIORITIES

In our work on these crucial policy issues, ABHW focuses on health equity and reducing racial disparities and inequities so that everyone can have better health outcomes.



## Supporting Prevention

In addition to ensuring people get treatment, we advocate for the prevention of mental illness and substance use disorders through:

- **Suicide Prevention**
- **Crisis Services**
- **Criminal Justice Reform**
- **Examining Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)**
- **Screening**

## Increasing Access

Making sure that people can get the care they need is central to our mission. For ABHW, this includes supporting:

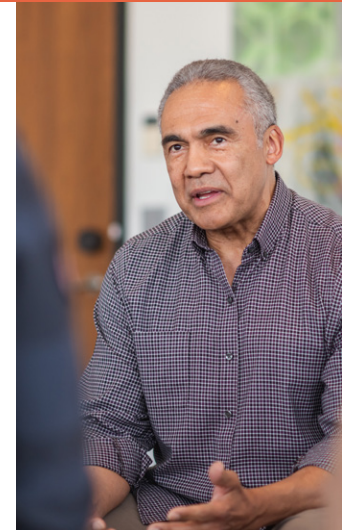
- Increased access to **Telehealth**
- **Parity** for coverage of mental health and substance use disorders
- An end to the **Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion**
- Expanding the behavioral health **Workforce**
- **Healthcare Reform**



## Raising Awareness & Reducing Stigma

We are working toward a world in which mental health and substance use disorders are widely understood, without the stigma that prevents appropriate care. Our initiatives include:

- **Stamp Out Stigma**
- **Payers' Behavioral Health Policy Summit**
- **ABHW Webinar Series**



## Advancing Evidence-Based Treatment & Quality Outcomes

The best evidence and data drive positive outcomes for patients. We are active in the following policy areas:

- **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)**
- **Home- and Community-Based Services**
- Eliminating **Fraud and Abuse in Substance Use Disorder Treatment**



## Driving Integration

We believe that integrated care enhances access to care, improves treatment outcomes, reduces health disparities, and is cost-effective. This informs our work on:

- **Privacy Issues**
- **Integrated Care**
- **Electronic Health Records**
- **Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)**

As an agile and strong non-profit with deep knowledge of health care policy, extensive experience inside the Beltway, and a vast number of relationships in the industry, we are poised to shift the paradigm in federal policy for mental health and substance use disorders.

