

# OPERATION A.B.L.E. NAMES NEW BOARD CHAIR

December 14, 2016

---

(Boston) Operation A.B.L.E. (Ability Based On Long Experience), has announced that Lydia Greene, Tufts Health Plan Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer is the organization's new Board of Directors Chair, succeeding Ann S. Anderson, who retired as Board Chair after six years of service. Ms. Greene had been serving as Vice Chair of the A.B.L.E. Board of Directors since 2013.



Operation A.B.L.E. is the only organization in Massachusetts whose sole mission is to get job seekers 45 and older back to work. Since it began in 1982, A.B.L.E. has assisted more than 35-thousand individuals in their quest for work.

As she moved to the new position, Ms. Greene said, "The Operation A.B.L.E. mission of providing employment and training opportunities to job seekers 45 and older from economically, racially and occupationally diverse backgrounds is something I care deeply about. The A.B.L.E. program has helped countless individuals over the years find and keep employment, while also helping Massachusetts employers by providing well-qualified candidates to meet their employment needs. I am proud to be affiliated with this organization as they have a real and lasting impact and am excited to serve as its Board Chair."

Joan Cirillo, President & CEO of Operation A.B.L.E. noted, "We are thrilled to have Lydia as our new Board Chair! She is a great strategic thinker, but also very pragmatic. It's a terrific combination of skills for any non-profit and we're so glad to have her at Operation A.B.L.E."

As Board Chair, Lydia Greene brings a wide-ranging set of skills and community involvement to her position. At Tufts Health Plan, she is responsible for human resources, including compensation and benefits, diversity initiatives, wellness, talent

acquisition and organizational development. She also oversees internal communications, corporate reputation management, brand communications, media relations, external communications and company real estate and facilities.

Ms. Greene was previously vice president of human resources and diversity at Tufts Health Plan, where she oversaw all HR programs and practices. Prior to joining Tufts Health Plan in 2004, she held senior level human resources management positions with Progress Software, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Hampshire, Lockheed Sanders and Emerson Hospital.

In addition to now serving as Board Chair of Operation A.B.L.E. she is co-chair of the Board of Directors for the Boston Y Achievers program and co-chair of the Jobs Committee as part of Perkins School for the Blind's Perkins-Business Partnership.

Lydia Greene received her B.S. degree in management in 1983 from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

**About Operation A.B.L.E.:**

Since 1982, Operation A.B.L.E. of Greater Boston has been the only organization in Massachusetts whose sole mission has been to provide comprehensive training and employment services for job seekers 45 years of age and older. Since it began, more than 34,000 individuals have been assisted by Operation A.B.L.E., which is celebrating its 34th Anniversary.

###