



# COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION



## HAROLD RICE

Harold Rice is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA), one of the largest private, non-profit Community Action Agencies in the country. Since becoming the President and CEO in 2014, he has focused on overseeing the corporate direction and strategy for CEDA to assure the agency's long-term stability. In the process, Mr. Rice has been instrumental in the design and implementation of new service delivery models, budgetary controls, and ways to maximize client capacity. Mr. Rice brings more than 35 years of successful organizational leadership, with a record of corporate strategy development, operational management and fiscal prudence in both the non-profit and corporate sectors. Prior to joining CEDA, Mr. Rice was the Executive Director and CEO of the Albany Park Community Center. Mr. Rice has also served as the Chief Development Officer for United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and was the owner and operator of seven McDonald's franchises. Early in his career, Mr. Rice was the Marketing Manager for Baxter's American Hospital Supply Division. Mr. Rice earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Engineering Technology from Kennedy-King College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota. He also has a Master of Science Degree from Cardinal Stritch University. Mr. Rice is committed to CEDA's historic mission of working in partnership with communities, empowering families, and helping individuals achieve self-sufficiency. In addition to serving on the Cook County Social Innovation Commission, Mr. Rice is an active Board member of the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies and was appointed by Governor Bruce Rauner to participate in the African-American Employment Plan Council for the State of Illinois.