



# COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION



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Joel K. Johnson is President and CEO of TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities), a statewide, nonprofit organization that specializes in care coordination and case management for people with substance use and mental health disorders. Mr. Johnson is an advocate for individuals and communities that are dealing with trauma, substance use disorders, mental health challenges, family disconnection, and social, racial, and economic injustice. From the front lines of clinical care to nonprofit executive leadership, he maintains a steady focus on ensuring health, dignity, and opportunity for all. Prior to becoming TASC's top executive in March 2021, Mr. Johnson served as executive vice president of Friend Health (FH), a federally qualified health center, and concurrently as president of Human Resources Development Institute (HRDI), a large, Chicago-based behavioral health service provider and subsidiary of FH. He served as HRDI's chief administrative officer for two years before being promoted to president and CEO in 2011.