

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Linda Rae Murray

PERSON

Murray, Linda Rae, 1948-

**Alternative Names:** Dr. Linda Rae Murray; Dr. Linda R. Murray; ; Dr. Linda Rae Murray

**Life Dates:** August 25, 1948-

**Place of Birth:** Cleveland, Ohio, USA

**Residence:** Chicago, IL

**Work:** Forest Park, IL

**Occupations:** Medical Instructor; Internal Medicine Physician; Medical Administrator

## Biographical Note

Dr. Linda Rae Murray was born in Cleveland, Ohio on August 25, 1948. After graduating from Collinwood High School in 1966, Murray attended the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she earned her B.S. degree in mathematics in 1973. Murray continued her education at UIC, earning her M.D. in 1977. Following

the completion of her M.D., Murray attended the University of Illinois School of Public Health in Chicago, where she earned her master's of public health in 1980; she later returned to school to continue her education in the doctoral program at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

After completing her medical degree, Murray became a resident physician in internal medicine and occupational therapy at Cook County Hospital, where she remained until 1980. In 1981, Murray left Cook County Hospital for Bethany Hospital, also in Chicago, and in 1983, became the medical director for the Manitoba Federation of Labour in Winnipeg, Canada. Murray returned to the United States in 1985, and began teaching at Meharry Medical College; in 1987, she returned to Chicago to work with the Chicago Department of Health. By 1992, Murray had become the medical director of the Near North Health Services Corporation. After a series of other high-level positions, Murray became the chief medical officer of Primary Care & Community Health: Ambulatory & Community Health Network of Cook County. Later, Murray became the attending physician at the Woodlawn Health Center. Throughout her career of health administration and medical practice, Murray also worked as a teacher, teaching internal medicine and midwifery, among other courses. In 2005, Murray was elected Chief Medical Officer of the Ambulatory & Community Health Network of the American Public Health Association, a position she would hold until 2009.

Murray was also an active member of her community, having been involved with dozens of groups and organizations over the years. From 1981 until 1983, Murray was a part of the First Congressional District of Illinois Health Task Force under Harold Washington; she returned to that role from 1985 to 1992 under Congressman Charles Hayes. Murray has received many awards, including the Daniel Hale Williams Award from the Cook County Physician's

Association, and the Distinguished Service in the Health Field Award from the National Association of Minority Medical Educators.

## **Related Entries**

**Collinwood High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**H.S.**

**Marion-Sterling Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**University of Chicago** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**University of Illinois at Chicago** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**B.S.**

**University of Illinois College of Medicine** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**M.D.**

**Boulevard Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Primary Care & Community Health: Ambulatory & Community Health Network of Cook County**

[EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Chief Medical Officer**

**Woodlawn Health Center** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Attending Physician**

**Cook County Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1977 to 1980]

**Resident Physician in Internal Medicine and  
Occupational Therapy**

**Bethany Hospital - Chicago** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1981 to 1983]

**Physician**

**Manitoba Federation of Labour- Winnipeg, Canada**

[EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1983 to 1985]

**Medical Director**

**Meharry Medical College** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1985 to 1987]

**Professor**

**Chicago Department of Health** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1987 to ?]

**Medical Director of the Near North Health  
Services Corporation**

**American Public Health Association** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1979 to ?]

**Member; Policy Development Board Committee;  
Governing Council; National Executive Board;  
Nominating Committee**

**National Academy of Sciences** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1997 to 1998]

**Member**

**Trinity Health** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2000 to ?]

**Board of Directors and Chair**

**Advisory Committee, Northwestern University  
Medical School, Master's in Public Health program**

[MEMBEROF]

[from 2001 to ?]

**Member**