

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Robert Currie

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Currie, Robert, 1951-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Robert Currie,
Dates:	February 23, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:36:01).
Abstract:	Healthcare executive Robert Currie (1951 -) served as the COO of Aetna Better Health Illinois before becoming the president and CEO of Community Core Alliance of Illinois in 2014. Currie was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 23, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_023
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Healthcare executive Robert Currie was born on June 12, 1951 in Orange, New Jersey to James Currie and Hazel Shelton. Currie graduated from Orange High School in 1970, and earned his B.A. degree in sociology and urban studies from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1974. Currie went on to receive his M.A. degree in urban planning and policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1978.

After working as director of health systems planning at Chicago Health Systems Agency for several years, Currie became the vice president of strategic planning for Chicago Hospital Council/Compass Health Care Plans. In 1984, Currie joined the Michael Reese - Humana Health Plan, where he was the director of strategic planning from 1984 to 1987, vice president of strategic planning and market research from 1987 to 1993, and associate executive director of administration from 1993 to 1995. Currie went on to become the president and CEO of Unity HMO in Chicago, vice president and COO of Plan Americaid Texas, and COO of Harmony Health of Indiana. From 2001 to 2005, Currie served as the president of Harmony Health Management, Inc. and vice president of external affairs for Harmony/WellCare Health Plans until 2009 when he founded the Managed Care Consulting Group. In 2011, he was named COO of Aetna Better Health Illinois; and in 2014, Currie became the president and CEO of Community Care Alliance of Illinois.

In 2009, Currie was named as one of the *Chicago Defender's* "50 Men of Excellence." Currie received an Excellence in Health Care Award from the Illinois Black Caucus and the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) President's Award, both in 2010. Currie also received a Chapter Leadership Award from the NAHSE Chicago Chapter in 2011. Currie served on the board of numerous organizations including the Black United Fund of Illinois, the Institute for Diversity in Healthcare Management, and Youth, Vision, & Integrity, Inc. He also served as the president of NAHSE's Chicago chapter from 1989 to 1991, and the national president of NAHSE from 1999 to 2001.

Robert Currie was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 23, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Robert Currie was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 23, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Healthcare executive Robert Currie (1951 -) served as the COO of Aetna Better Health Illinois before becoming the president and CEO of Community Core Alliance of Illinois in 2014.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

Restrictions may be applied on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of The HistoryMakers®.

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Currie, Robert, 1951-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Currie, Robert, 1951- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Healthcare Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Robert Currie, February 23, 2018. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Robert Currie, Section A2018_023_001_001, TRT: 1:29:52 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Robert Currie, Section A2018_023_001_002, TRT: 2:31:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Robert Currie, Section A2018_023_001_003, TRT: 3:30:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Robert Currie, Section A2018_023_001_004, TRT: 4:30:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Robert Currie, Section A2018_023_001_005, TRT: 5:28:22 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Robert Currie, Section A2018_023_001_006, TRT: 6:29:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Robert Currie, Section A2018_023_001_007, TRT: 7:36:00 ?