

Beverly Ann Burks is an Executive level professional, experienced in relationship building with varied constituencies. Adept at problem solving, through delving into "the weeds" to determine root causes of logistic and systemic issues. She is proficient in creating a culture of growth and accountability with staff. A native Clevelander, Ms. Burks earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Cincinnati and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from The Levin College at Cleveland State University. Ms. Burks was selected as a Patricia Roberts Harris Fellow by Cleveland State. She represented the University as a member of the American Society of Public Administrators and the Conference of Minority Public Administrators.

Her tenure as a Non-Profit professional has been as an administrator in Community and Economic Development. Serving as the Economic Development Director for Garrett Square Economic Development Corporation and Executive Director of The Cleveland Community Building Initiative. During this time, she earned a Certificate in Economic Development from The National Development Council.

While serving as Program Director for the Mt. Pleasant Community Zone, she began to work in Adolescent Development, working with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Annie E. Casey Foundation to manage the Plain Talk program in Cuyahoga County. The goal of Plain Talk was to teach adolescents and their families to have age-appropriate conversations around sexual health and responsible sexual behavior. During Ms. Burks' tenure, the Cleveland/Cuyahoga-based initiative became a model program, resulting in participation in trainings and presentations on a national level.

Ms. Burks has served in various capacities with MyCom: Youth Development Initiative. The youth participants in the Plain Talk initiative served as one of the inaugural MyCom Youth Councils. While initially engaging as Neighborhood Coordinator, Ms. Burks ascended to the role of Chief of Staff. Her work focused on Neighborhood Engagement and Advocacy, while supporting neighborhood lead agencies and coordinators. Ms. Burks infused her practice in the Collective Impact Model and participated in training across the country, representing Northeast Ohio.

A Heart for Community services has been demonstrated in service as a Board Member with: Lake Erie Ink: A Writing Space for Youth, East End Neighborhood House, One South Euclid, The Cuyahoga County Youth Work Institute, National Association of University Women, as well as The African American Advisory Board of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. Beverly is one of the Founders (1979) of Alpha Tau Nu Society for Black Women at the University of Cincinnati, a community service organization.

Ms. Burks currently serves as the Vice President of Operations of The President's Council. The Presidents' Council is a Chamber of Commerce that serves Black businesses in Northeast Ohio. As a chamber, we work to improve the social, political, and physical environment in which Black businesses are developed, which will catalyze success.

