



## **Dr. Terry Mason – (former) Chief Operating Officer, Cook County Department Of Public Health**

Dr. Mason was appointed the Chief Operating Officer of the Cook County Department of Public Health by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle in 2013, after serving more than three years as the Chief Medical Officer and six months as interim Chief Executive Officer for the Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

The Cook County Department of Public Health is a state-certified local public health department serving suburban Cook County including 125 local municipalities, covering a 700 square mile area, with a large urban population of approximately 2.3 million residents. As the COO, Dr. Mason provided leadership, fiscal responsibility, and performance based accountability in management. He was responsible for public health programs and services for one of the nation's largest metropolitan health departments, ranging from disease prevention, control and epidemiology; health statistics; health promotion; STD/HIV screening; emergency preparedness; and environmental licensing, inspections and complaints.

Before joining the Cook County Health and Hospitals System and the Cook County Department of Public Health, he served as the Commissioner of Chicago Department of Public Health. Dr. Mason received his BS in Biology from Loyola University and his MD from Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine at the University of Illinois Chicago. He devoted 25 years of his life in private practice as a board certified Urologist. During that period, his focus was on male erectile dysfunction and prostate cancer. He is a nationally recognized health educator and inspirational speaker who champions holistic approaches to health management.

It is Dr. Mason's continued vision to transform healthcare delivery through the integration of public health and public medicine to create a population based strategy to manage chronic disease. He is a member of many professional organizations and serves on multiple boards.

**Dr. Mason was born on September 13, 1951 in Washington, D.C. Mason attended Loyola University in Chicago and received his B.S degree in biological science. He earned his M.D. degree from the Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine at the University of Illinois. Mason completed his residency of General Surgery at the University of Illinois Metropolitan Group Hospitals Program and his residency of urology at the Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center.**

Upon completing his residencies, Mason started his practice of urology with Dr. Harvey J. Whitfield as Terry Mason MD, SC. At Mercy Hospital and Medical Center he developed a specialty service for male erectile dysfunction, and prostate cancer. In approximately 1992, Mason became radio host of "Doctor in the House" WVON 1690 AM. The following year he founded Center for New Life, a business dedicated to integrating diet modification, and exercise to treat chronic diseases. In 2004, he launched the Restar4Health campaign. The campaign encouraged the public to stop unhealthy eating habits and to make smart food choices.

Dr. Mason is a member of the Cook County Physicians Association and was featured in the 2010 film "Forks over Knives" and received a Telly Award for the video, "Not By Myself," featuring Marylyn Macoo and Billy Davis Jr. Dr. Mason has delivered countless presentations and conducted numerous interviews on a range of public health matters. Mason's work has features on My Fox Chicago and Chicago Tonight for American Heart Health month. He has features in *Ebony* Magazine and authored a book titled, *Making Love Again: Renewing Intimacy and Helping Your Man Overcome Impotence*.

Dr. Mason currently resides in Chicago and has two adult children.