

## Alphonso O'Neil-White



Alphonso O'Neil-White recently retired as president and chief executive officer of HealthNow New York Inc., a \$2.5 billion dollar, health insurance and health services company based in Upstate New York. HealthNow is a BlueCross BlueShield licensee in Western New York and in New York's capital district. He joined the company in 1996 as Senior Vice President and General Counsel and Secretary and took the helm as President & CEO in 2003, leading the company's dramatic turnaround. His leadership accomplishments are many and varied, highlighted by his service as an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (having served previously two terms as Chair of the Board of Directors of its Buffalo Branch), Chair of the BlueCross BlueShield Association Board of Directors, an organization of the nation's BlueCross BlueShield plans, Board Chair and current Board member of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and Board of Trustees of the world-renowned Albright Knox Art Gallery. is a founding organizer and sustainer of the Say Yes Buffalo Initiative, a public/private/ partnership that seeks school reform and economic development through improving high school graduation rates and post secondary attainment for students in the Buffalo public schools; he Co-Chairs the Initiative's Community Leadership Council and Chairs the Say Yes Buffalo Scholarship Committee which has raised almost \$20M, thus far, to fund the promise of scholarships for all Buffalo Public School graduates. He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and holds a law degree from the University of Louisville's Louis Brandeis School of Law.