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## TaKeysha Cheney

Director, Community Engagement at Molina Healthcare of Ohio, Inc.

As Director of Community Engagement for Molina Healthcare of Ohio, Cheney leads the development of strategic partnerships, major events and sponsorships to retain and grow its membership.

Prior to this role, Cheney served as a Vice President of Business Development for Smart Business Network that shares insights, advice and strategy for senior business leaders. This relationship developed through the merger of Smart Business with The Women's Book, a multimedia company she founded to connect women in business to local resources to advance their careers. Her work in this area continues as the leader of the Smart Business Smart Women program.

Cheney also worked previously for American Electric Power where she managed community engagement, government affairs and sustainability initiatives.

Cheney serves on the board of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association Ohio Chapter Advisory Board. She is a member of the International Women's Forum and the Ohio Commodores, a statewide economic development organization. She served previously on the boards of the YWCA Columbus, The Women's Fund of Central Ohio, the Columbus Museum of Art, the League of Women Voters of Ohio, the ACLU of Ohio and ROX/Ruling Our eXperiences, an empowerment program for girls.

Cheney has received the Business First of Columbus 40 Under Forty Award; the Smart Business Magazine Breakthrough Business Leader Award; the Women Presidents' Organization Women Empowering Women Award; the National Council of Negro Women Columbus Chapter Community Leadership Award; and was recognized by Women for Economic & Leadership Development (WELD) as a Woman You Should Know honoree.