

Rob Cherry, Chief Executive Officer, Partner4Work

Rob Cherry is a mission-driven nonprofit leader with more than 20 years of experience in organizational leadership, strategic partnerships, and social impact. As Chief Executive Officer of Partner4Work, he leads an organization of more than 50 employees with a \$30 million budget, advances the strategic priorities of the board, and drives program innovation that supports adults, dislocated workers, youth, and other priority populations in pursuing meaningful career opportunities and advancement.

Since joining the organization in 2021, Rob has led a complex ecosystem of businesses, funders, policymakers, and community partners to align funding, expertise, and opportunity in support of a thriving workforce in the Pittsburgh region. He is a regular speaker on workforce development, is the former Chair of the U.S. Department of Labor Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships, and serves on numerous local and national boards, advisory councils, and committees focused on workforce development, economic mobility, education, and inclusive growth.

Before becoming Chief Executive Officer of Partner4Work, Rob served as appointed Deputy Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, where he oversaw four state bureaus, led 2,500 employees, and managed a budget of nearly \$6 billion.

He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. Rob lives in Pittsburgh with his family.

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