



## **Teresa L. Couts, EdD, *Executive Co-Director***

Teresa L. Couts is the UAW Director of the UAW/Ford Community Healthcare Initiative and the Executive Co-Director of the Kentuckiana Health Collaborative.

Dr. Couts began her career with UAW/Ford Motor Company in 1995. She has held a variety of positions that include Vehicle Assembly Technician, Connectivity Program Director, Facilitator/Trainer, and Alternate Benefit Representative. She is certified in Six-Sigma methodology as a Black Belt, safety training, and diversity facilitation.

Dr. Couts joined the community healthcare initiative in 2011. The UAW/Ford Community Healthcare Initiative convenes the Kentuckiana Health Collaborative (KHC), a non-profit organization comprised of representatives who have a major stake in improving the health status and the healthcare delivery system in Greater Louisville and Kentucky. She is responsible for convening and leading key healthcare stakeholders to collaborate on healthcare improvements focused on measurement, transparency, and transformation.

Dr. Couts earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Indiana University Southeast; her Master's Degree in Adult Education from Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis; and earned her Doctorate Degree in Education with an emphasis in Higher Education and Adult Learning from Walden University. Her dissertation title was *Predicting Adherence to Mammography Screening Practices among African-American Women*.

Dr. Couts serves on the YMCA of Greater Louisville Association Board, Board Chair of the Clark County YMCA Advisory Board, U of L School of Public Health and Information Sciences Community Advisory Board, Greater Louisville Medical Society Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee, Louisville Health Advisory Board, Kentucky Wellbeing Task Force, National Business Coalition on Health Coalition Directors and UAW Local 862 By-Laws Committee. Dr. Couts has served on the UAW-Ford Family Service & Learning Center Board from 2002 – 2006 and the St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities Board of Directors from 2003 – 2007. She is a member of the Canaan Christian Church.

Dr. Couts has three adult children: Marisha Williams, Justin and Terry (deceased) Campbell; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.