Ray Hanley

President & Chief Executive Officer

Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care

Ray Hanley, president and chief executive officer of the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC), has vast experience in both the public and private sectors of health care, including 28 years with the Arkansas Department of Human Services, 16 years of which were as director of Arkansas Medicaid. During this time he led the creation of ConnectCare, the primary care medical home program that won the Ford Foundation/JFK School of Government's Innovation in American Government award. He also helped create and lead the implementation of ARKid's First which catapulted Arkansas from near the bottom to the top tier of states on insuring children.

After his tenure in public service, Hanley spent seven years as the client industry executive for State Health and Human Services business aspect of Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services. He joined AFMC in 2010, leading the nonprofit Quality Improvement Organization in its mission to promote excellence in health and health care through education and evaluation.

He served as chairman of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors for a total of five years and remains an active alumnus to that association. He has also served as chairman of the Central Arkansas Sierra Club and as a member of the American Public Welfare Association Board of Directors. Hanley currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Health Quality Association.

Through the years, Mr. Hanley has been recognized for his efforts on behalf of the people of Arkansas by, among others, Arkansas Children's Hospital with the Betty A. Lowe Award and the UAMS ANGELS program as a Women's and Children's Health Champion. Most recently Hanley was recognized by AARP Arkansas for his contribution and leadership through the AR Health + AR Jobs Coalition.

Mr. Hanley's passion, after his family and promoting health, is history. Mr. Hanley has authored or co-authored 18 books on historical perspectives in Arkansas.