**Andrew Allison’s Bio**

Andy Allison, Ph.D, joined the Arkansas Department of Human Services as the state Medicaid Director in December 2011.

He served as Deputy Director, then Executive Director, of the Kansas Health Policy Authority from 2005 until 2011, with responsibility for Kansas’ Medicaid and State Employee Health Plans. He spent six years at the Kansas Health Institute as a researcher, focusing on health care and health insurance policy in Kansas. He worked as a Medicaid budget analyst at the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, D.C., from 1992-95, providing staff analysis of health reform legislation and reviewing statewide Medicaid waiver applications.

He is a founding Board member of the National Association of Medicaid Directors, and served as its first President from 2010 through 2012.

Andy’s education includes a bachelor’s degree in history from Ouachita Baptist University, a master’s degree in Public Policy from Duke University, and a doctorate in economics from Vanderbilt University.