



Cynthia C. Crone, MNSc, APN

Cynthia (Cindy) Crone currently serves as Insurance Deputy Commissioner of Arkansas Health Connector, a division of the Arkansas Insurance Department (AID). A licensed and certified nurse practitioner, Cindy is an experienced program director with more than thirty years experience advocating collaborative, effective solutions to public health issues affecting vulnerable populations. She has served as clinician, educator, consultant, and administrator and has been recognized locally and nationally for leadership in innovative, effective program development and sustainability. In 2001, she was selected by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as one of twenty nurses from across the nation to participate in their Executive Nurse Fellowship Program designed to help prepare leaders to change the future health care system. In 2004 she received the Jim Wright Award for vulnerable populations – the top award given by the National Association of Public Hospitals.

Prior to her appointment as Insurance Deputy Commissioner of Arkansas Health Connector, she served in various roles at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) (1987 – 2010) including Director of Family Treatment Consultation at UAMS Partners for Inclusive Communities (2007 – 2010), founding executive director of UAMS Arkansas CARES, a nationally recognized family treatment program for pregnant and parenting addicted women and their children and families (1992 – 2006), and perinatal outreach nurse with the UAMS Arkansas High Risk Pregnancy Program (1987 – 1991). Before moving to UAMS, she served as pediatric nurse practitioner and maternal-child nurse consultant and administrator with the Arkansas Department of Health (1978 - 1986). Other accomplishments include securing ~\$38 million in competitive grant funding and providing leadership for professional and civic organizations, including serving as President of the Arkansas Nurses Association and Altrusa International Inc., of Little Rock. She is also active in service leadership through her church. Cindy has been married to Charles Crone for thirty seven years. They have one adult son, Andrew.