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Fayette County Board of Health appoints Dr. Loida Bonney, MD, MPH to Health Board

Fayette County, Georgia, October 15, 2015 – The Fayette County Board of Health is one of 159 County Boards of Health that partners with the Georgia Department of Public Health and eighteen District Health Directors with shared responsibilities of bringing public health functions to the state. Each partner is charged with responsibilities while cooperating with each other, providing mutual support, maintaining open communication, and showing respect for the unique role that each partner has in serving Georgia's citizens.

On September 10, 2015 the Fayette County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the recommendation to appoint Dr. Loida Bonney to fill an unexpired term that will end on December 31, 2017 on the Board of Health.

Dr. Bonney has been a Fayette County resident for eight years and is a practicing physician in the county. She has served on two advisory committees in Rhode Island, worked with several Federally Qualified Health Centers, at Grady Hospital and Grady Primary Care Center, and currently she is the Medical Director at the Fayette CARE Clinic.

“Dr. Loida Bonney will be a tremendous resource to the Board of Health and we are elated that she applied for this position,” said Commissioner David Barlow, who serves on the Board of Health. “The Board of Health is looking forward to working with Dr. Bonney during the next two years and beyond.”

Dr. Bonney's research focus is in Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) and HIV/AIDS related health disparities. Her broad focus includes health services research among underserved populations including minority women, the incarcerated, and substance users.

The Fayette County Board of Health administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Bonney at their October 13, 2015 board meeting.

The District Health Director of the Board of Health, Dr. Olugbenga Obasanjo, states “Dr. Bonney's appointment is a ‘big deal’ for the Fayette County Board of Health. The Board makes continues decisions concerning the operations of health care in eighteen different districts and Dr. Bonney's experiences and expertise in clinical care will be monumental in moving forward in allowing Georgia to continue to stand out in advanced health care.”

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