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Drs. Rios, Hatchett to lead GBPW into 2018

ATLANTA – The Georgia Board for Physician Workforce voted last Thursday during its quarterly meeting to elect Antonio Rios, M.D., as its new chairperson through July 2018. Rios will succeed Dr. Mark Hanly, who has led the Board over the past four years. The Board also selected Thomas L. Hatchett, Jr., M.D., to serve as its vice chairperson and William R. Kemp as its secretary/treasurer.

“I am truly humbled my colleagues have blessed me with the opportunity to lead this board,” Rios said. “We are looking forward to building on the successes of Chairman Hanly’s tenure and taking this board to new heights.”

Rios is the chief physician executive for the Northeast Georgia Physicians Group and also practices internal medicine within NGPG at Medical Park 1. He is a past chief of medicine at Northeast Georgia Medical Center and a co-chair of the Continuing Medical Education Committee at NGMC. Rios also sits on the board of directors for the Good News Clinic as well as the District 2 Public Health Board. He earned a medical degree from the Universidad La Salle in Mexico City. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians. Rios and his wife, Margaret, have three children and reside in Gainesville.

Hatchett is an OB/GYN practicing at Habersham OB/GYN Associates. He is past-president of the Georgia OB/GYN Society. Hatchett received a bachelor's degree from Presbyterian College and a medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. He and his family reside in Demorest.

Kemp is a commercial lender with Renasant Bank in Valdosta. He serves on the board for the Boys and Girls Club and is an active member and past-president of the Azalea City Kiwanis Club and Leadership Lowndes. He previously served on the Valdosta City Schools Foundation and was a 2012 graduate of Leadership Georgia. Kemp earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Valdosta State University. He and his wife, Carol, have three children and reside in Valdosta.

All newly elected officers will assume their roles effective Aug. 1.

About the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce

The Georgia Board for Physician Workforce is a state agency whose mission is striving to identify the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities and to meet those needs through the support and development of medical education programs.

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