

**Community Coalition Roundtable**

Latinos Salud

640 NE 124th Street, North Miami 33161

October 27, 2025 Minutes

*Approved January 26, 2026*

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Burks, Laurie Ann	x	
2	Davis, Debra	x	
3	Farshchi, Auva	x	
4	Ferrer, Luigi	x	
5	Hallmon, Rolando	x	
6	Jones, Keddrick	x	
7	Jones, Sandra		x
8	McIntyre, Harold	x	
9	Robinson, Joanna	x	
10	Tramel-McIntyre, Alecia		x
11	Worthy, William		x
<b>Quorum =5</b>			

Guests		
Beneditt, Africa		
Cooper, Taunya		
Gonzalez de Abondo, Tivisay		
Hyde, Robert		
McMullen, Lamar		
Mitchell, Synthia		
Rodriguez, Cindy		
Staff		
Bontempo, Christina		

All documents referenced in these minutes are on file and were accessible to members and the public prior to (and during) the roundtable, at <https://partnershipmiami.org/the-partnership-2/#roundtable1>.

**I. Call to Order**

Community Coalition Roundtable Chair, Joanna Robinson, called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

**II. Introductions**

Members, guest, and staff introduced themselves and participated in an ice-breaker about what we’re looking forward to in the next three months.

**III. Recognition of Meeting Host**

Ms. Robinson acknowledged Latinos Salud as the meeting host.

**IV. Housekeeping**

Attendees each took a turn reading a slide from the *Meeting Housekeeping* PowerPoint, which included general reminders, code of conduct highlights, meeting participation best practices, and resource persons.

**V. Floor Open to the Public**

Luigi Ferrer, Vice Chair, opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

*Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any item on our agenda today. If there is anyone who wishes to be heard, I invite you to speak now. Each person will be given three minutes to speak. Please begin by stating your name and address for the record before you*

*talk about your concerns. BSR has a dedicated telephone line as well as a general email address for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received via the telephone line or email.*

There were no comments relevant to agenda items from members of the public, so the floor was closed.

## **VI. Review/Approve Agenda**

Members reviewed the agenda and staff indicated there was an announcement.

**Motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Moved: Rolando Hallmon**

**Seconded: Harold McIntyre**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VII. Review the Minutes of September 22, 2025**

Members reviewed the minutes of September 22, 2025, and approved them as presented.

**Motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2025, as presented.**

**Moved: Rolando Hallmon**

**Seconded: Harold McIntyre**

**Motion: Passed**

## **VIII. Reports**

### **▪ Membership**

As a follow up to the last meeting, while the Committee welcomed new members, staff indicated a formal vote for Africa Beneditt and Synthia Mitchell was necessary to include them as new members of the Community Coalition Roundtable.

**Motion to approve Africa Beneditt and Synthia Mitchell as new members of the Community Coalition Roundtable.**

**Moved: Keddrick Jones**

**Seconded: Rolando Hallmon**

**Motion: Passed**

The Membership Report was posted online and was included in the meeting packet. There are many vacancies on all committees and the Partnership. Staff has received several membership applications for Community Coalition and other committees and is coordinating with the applicants to complete some missing information so the applications can go forward.

There are only three (3) seats left on the Community Coalition Roundtable. Members are also needed on all the other committees.

### **▪ Partnership Membership**

Staff received an application for Partnership membership from Africa Beneditt. Mr. Beneditt has completed the required Partnership membership application and New Member Orientation. He is a new member of the committee and qualifies for a Representative of the Affected Community seat on the Partnership.

Mr. Beneditt was asked to state his interest and answered several questions posed by members.

Members completed the Applicant Score Sheets. Staff tallied the score sheets and announced the score threshold was in favor to recommend Mr. Beneditt for appointment.

**Motion to recommend to Mayor Daniella Levine Cava the appointment of Charles Beneditt to the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership in a Representative of the Affected Community seat.**

**Moved: Luigi Ferrer**

**Seconded: Rolando Hallmon**

**Motion: Passed**

- **Partnership Report**

Staff announced the Partnership’s next meeting is November 10. The report of approved motions from September is online.

- **Ryan White Program Expenditures**

Tivisay Gonzalez de Abondo, from the County Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reviewed the Ryan White Program (RWP) Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) utilization for the year to date, and gave an update on RWP Part A/MAI contract executions. She indicated that OMB is monitoring food bank allowances under the RWP since the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are expected to be cut off due to the federal government shutdown.

Ms. Gonzalez de Abondo announced the State of Florida Statewide Needs Survey has been distributed in English and Spanish, and was advised that members had completed the survey at their last meeting. Some attendees expressed “survey fatigue” and questioned how the findings will be used.

Ms. Gonzalez de Abondo announced the County is working on a public outreach campaign to promote availability of RWP services. The campaign is expected to roll out around December 1, 2025, World AIDS Day.

## **IX. Standing Business**

- **Vision Statement Review**

Members reviewed their suggestions on the Partnership’s Vision Statement from the last meeting. After further discussion, members approved language that was more inclusive and comprehensive of the Partnership’s future: *Our vision is to eliminate barriers and disparities, improve health outcomes, and create a healthier, empowered Miami-Dade County for all people living with, impacted by, or vulnerable to HIV.*

**Motion to approve the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Vision Statement, “Our vision is to eliminate barriers and disparities, improve health outcomes, and create a healthier, empowered Miami-Dade County for all people living with, impacted by, or vulnerable to HIV.”**

**Moved: Luigi Ferrer**

**Seconded: Rolando Hallmon**

**Motion: Passed**

Ms. Robinson will present the motion to the Partnership next month. If there are any suggested changes, the statement may be brought back to the Roundtable. In 2026, members will begin working on a Mission Statement, which will be completely new for the Partnership.

- **New Partnership Logo**

Ms. Gonzalez de Abondo will bring the feedback regarding the Vision Statement and previous work on logo updates to the County’s Communications Department who will present suggested logo designs for the Roundtable’s consideration in 2026.

## **New Business**

- **Quiz Time! Ryan White Program Services**

Members and guests were organized into four groups and participated as teams in a “Quiz Time!” activity. Food Bank, Health Insurance Premiums, Medical Transportation, and Oral Health Care service

descriptions were included in the quiz. Following the quiz, participants took turns reviewing the answers and discussing follow up questions.

The meeting time was set to expire and Ms. Robinson called for a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

**Motion to extend the meeting by ten minutes.**

**Moved: Rolando Hallmon**

**Seconded: Synthia Mitchell**

**Motion: Passed**

## **X. Announcements and Open Discussion**

Staff projected the flyers for the upcoming Get on Board training and FIU Research webinar.

## **XI. Next Roundtable**

Members received a list of proposed meeting dates and locations for 2026 for their review. These will be discussed during individual member training throughout November and December of 2025.

## **XII. Adjournment**

Ms. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.