



Housing Committee Meeting
Care Resource Community Health Centers, Midtown Miami
3510 Biscayne Blvd, First Floor Community Room
Miami, FL 33137

March 19, 2026 Minutes

Approved June 18, 2026

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Burks, Laurie Ann		x
2	Davis, Debra	x	
3	Gomez, Francisco	x	
4	Hill, Lileaus		x
5	Michel, Marie Kerna	x	
6	Robinson, Patera	x	
7	Tazoe, Roberto	x	
8	Sarria, Manuel	x	
Quorum: 4			

Guests	
Bigler, Erin	
Hallmon, Rolando	
Tello, Cynthia	
Staff	
Meizoso, Marlen	

All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to (and during) the meeting, at <https://aidsnet.org/the-partnership#housing1>.

I. Call to Order

Patera Robinson

Staff advised the Committee that the chair, Lileaus Hill, was not be able to attend. Patera Robinson volunteered to chair the meeting and called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

II. Introductions

All

Ms. Robinson introduced herself and requested members and guests introduce themselves.

III. Meeting Housekeeping

Marlen Meizoso

Marlen Meizoso reminded attendees of housekeeping items, including meeting recording, public records, that questions should go through the Chair, and if there are any additional questions they can be asked of staff after the meeting.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Patera Robinson

Ms. Robinson 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 items 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 and email address for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received."

There were no comments, so the floor was closed for public comments.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

All

The Committee reviewed the agenda which was posted in advance of the meeting. Since Patera Robinson is acting as Chair, her name should be replaced for Lileaus Hill. Rolando Hallmon indicated he had an announcement. The Committee approved the agenda as discussed.

Motion to approve the agenda as discussed.

Moved: Manny Serria

Seconded: Roberto Tazoe

Motion: Passed

VI. Review/Approve Minutes of November 20, 2025

All

The Committee reviewed the minutes of November 20, 2025, and approved them as presented.

Motion to accept the minutes of November 20, 2025, as presented.

Moved: Roberto Tazoe

Seconded: Francisco Gomez

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ HOPWA Program Updates

Roberto Tazoe

Roberto Tazoe indicated that the program is serving 644 clients on the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program which is the only open program. Funding for TBRA will not be sufficient to cover costs for the fiscal year. City of Miami staff have met with all the representatives for HOPWA programs in Florida. In other areas, the TBRA program provides short-term assistance. Fair Market Rents have increased by 50% and while the program used to have an annual reserve, all reserves have been depleted. The City of Miami is unable to continue to pay, and therefore, either additional funds need to be identified or people will need to be released from the program. The new HOPWA funding total has not been released and what additional level of adjustments will need to be made to the program are not yet known. About 100 people would need to be removed from the program at current funding levels. The City of Miami was able to transfer some funding but is not sustainable past September 2026. Some changes will need to be made such as reducing the payment standard and negotiating with TBRA clients and landlords. The Housing Committee will need to discuss an exit strategy since clients will need to be notified. The HOPWA program was not intended to be long-term, although affordable housing is an issue across Miami-Dade County. The current administration has proposed the idea of limiting tenant-based housing programs such as Section-8 to a limit of two years of assistance, which may be a future direction.

Members made some suggestions such as raising tenant contributions, having a shared housing approach, or possibly lowering the area median income requirement to 50% or less. All members of a household should contribute. Modifying what occupiable space is may reduce house dwelling needs, but the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would need to be consulted. Also restricting what is meant by family is under discussion.

▪ Vacancies

Marlen Meizoso

Mrs. Meizoso reviewed the vacancy report. There are vacancies on both the Partnership and the Housing Committee. Anyone who is interested in membership on this or any of the other committees can see staff after the meeting or attend New Member Orientation.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ Officer Elections

All

The Committee reviewed the election memo distributed at the November meeting. Lileaus Hill has indicated she is interested in serving another term as Chair. Debra Davis indicated she was also interested and her name was written onto the ballot. If either candidate is elected there will still be a vacancy for the vice chair position since it must be filled by a Partnership member. None of the Partnership members were interested. The Committee made a motion to adopt the ballot, voted, and ballots were tallied. Ms. Hill was re-elected as chair with the majority of votes.

Motion to accept the Housing ballot with Lileaus Hill and Debra Davis as candidates.

Moved: Manny Serria

Seconded: Debra Davis

Motion: Passed

IX. New Business

▪ Membership Recruitment Presentation

All

The Committee was joined by Rolando Hallmon, Community Coalition Roundtable Chair, who provided input on their recruitment plan and discussed membership. The Roundtable approved a streamline application, currently found in member materials, to facilitate candidates applying for committees. Additionally, there is a new mentorship program that will pair an interested candidate with a Roundtable mentor who will accompany them to meeting, until they officially join. This process will hopefully increase retention on all the Committees.

▪ HOPWA Program TBRA Program Shortfalls and Options

All

Staff included in meeting packets the HUD HOPWA document, “Shrinking a HOPWA TBRA Program.” The document has also been posted online since January. Members were encouraged to review the document, particularly the termination options such as last in, first out, household income, or risk assessment. Information on HOPWA utilization will be brought to the next meeting. It is anticipated that about 100 clients will need to be cut from the program.

▪ 2026 Activities

All

The Committee was queried for planning for 2026. The Committee usually holds an annual stakeholder invitational but with the current shortfall this year the Committee decided to focus on addressing the TBRA shortfall. Staff will update the 2026 activities calendar.

X. Open Discussion

▪ Questions from the Community

All

There were no additional questions from the community.

XI. Announcements

All

Staff projected the New Member Orientation training, which is being held April 1, 2026, online. This training was rescheduled from March. Registration is required.

Rolando Hallmon shared a flyer for a first-time homebuyers program in the City of Miami. Additional workshops are being scheduled, with a workshop in Opa Locka on April 18. The program provides affordable loans with covenants.

Cynthia Tello announced that Care Resource was awarded Day 1 Families Fund which can assist families with minor children who are homeless providing employment training, rental, and move-in assistance, starting July 1, 2026. Families do not need to be HIV positive, just homeless. Referrals go through the Homeless Management System (HMS).

Erin Bigler announced Oxford House provides sober living with over 300 houses in Florida. Spaces are shared and run from \$200-\$300 a week. An ID and a commitment to sober living are necessary. Interested individuals can contact Ms. Bigler. Additional information is also posted on the Partnership website under housing resources.

XII. Next Meeting

Patera Robinson

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2026, at Care Resource.

XIII. Adjournment

Patera Robinson

Ms. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.