MIAMI-DADE
HIV/AIDS PARTNERSHIP

Community Coalition Roundtable

Borinquen Medical Centers
3601 Federal Highway, 3rd Floor, Miami, FL 33137

April 27, 2026, Minutes

#	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	Mitchell, Synthia		x
10	Robinson, Joanna	x	
11	Tramel-McIntyre, Alecia		x
12	Worthy, William		x
Quorum = 5			

Guests
Bigler, Erin
Eldemite, Malik
McMullen, Lamar
Rodriguez, Cindy
Stonestreet, Stephanie
Wall, Daniel
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/partnership/#roundtable1.

I. Call to Order

Community Coalition Roundtable Chair, Rolando Hallmon, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and highlighted the documents in the meeting packets.

II. Introductions

Members, guest, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Recognition of Meeting Host

Mr. Hallmon acknowledged Borinquen Medical Centers as the meeting host.

IV. Housekeeping

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

V. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Hallmon 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. Mr. Hallmon and Lamar McMullen indicated they had announcements.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Moved: Luigi Ferrer **Seconded: Sandra Jones** **Motion: Passed**

VII. Review the Minutes of February 23, 2026

Members reviewed the minutes of February 23, 2026, and approved them as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2026, as presented.
Moved: Harold McIntyre **Seconded: Joanna Robinson** **Motion: Passed**

VIII. Reports

- **Membership**

Mr. Hallmon announced that the three recent Partnership applicants were appointed by the Mayor and that there are still 10 vacancies on the Partnership. Recruitment for vacancies was on the agenda for additional discussion under Standing Business.

- **Partnership Report**

Staff announced that the Partnership Report is posted online and includes the approved motions related to contingency planning in response to the ADAP funding crisis.

Daniel Wall from the Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget Grants Coordination/Ryan White Program, offered to share updated information about the ADAP crisis.

Mr. Wall noted the key changes to ADAP funding in effect through June 2026 include:

- Reducing ADAP eligibility to people with HIV with income at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level;
- Removing support for Affordable Care Act premium assistance;
- Removing Biktarvy® from the ADAP Formulary; and
- Restricting access to Descovy®.

Mr. Wall indicated the issues with communication lie with the state Department of Health. By contrast, the local Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is a great partner to the County.

It is unclear what ADAP funding will look like after June, as there is not any information available on the budget deliberations. Mr. Wall advised members to contact their legislators to voice their input on the changes and noted that a list of local legislators can be found at www.miamidade.gov.

IX. Standing Business

- **Partnership Logo**

Mr. Wall presented logo options designed by the County Communications Department. Notably, the logo options did not include hands as this could be problematic due to anti-DEI legislation. Also, the logo design was meant to be reproducible as either a logo with a horizontal or circlular orientation. Of the logos presented, members favored the sample with the ribbon as the "P" in Partnership if it could positioned to better resemble the red ribbon associated with HIV/AIDS. Also, the colors should be more saturated and blend from red to orange. Mr. Wall will bring the suggestions back to the Communications Department and present updates at a future meeting.

- **March-April Standing Committee Meeting Review**

During March, members were asked to attend the meetings of other Partnership committees to gain a better understanding of the breadth of the work of the Partnership and to help guide potential members to the appropriate committee(s).

Members and guests gave feedback on the meetings they attended:

- □ **Strategic Planning Committee**

  - Attendees: Harold McIntyre and Joanna Robinson
  - Takeaways: The committee is tasked with tracking data and keeping track of many of the program's legislative requirements. One of the main activities of the committee is developing and monitoring the Integrated Plan. The lack of representation by people with HIV on the committee was noticeable and is a concern since important decisions are being made by the committee without the input of people with HIV.

- □ **Care and Treatment Committee**

  - Attendee: Sandra Jones
  - Takeaways: The collaboration between the County and ADAP was impressive. More young people need to get involved in the committee's work.

- □ **Housing Committee**

  - Attendee: Erin Bigler and Rolando Hallmon
  - Takeaways: Regarding HOPWA, there is not enough funding; cuts to tenant-based funding was discussed; funds are being depleted more rapidly than expected due to the high cost of rents; the program will need to find additional funds or begin to remove people from the program; the program was never intended to house people indefinitely; contact with landlords is important; the fiscal year ends in September; and an exit strategy needs to be developed.

    It was noted that if there is not an official Housing Committee meeting in any given month, members would still like to receive a report on updates from HOPWA.

    Mr. Hallmon noted there is a program for housing assistance at Care Resource and members should contact Care Resource for details.

- **Medical Care Subcommittee**
  - Attendee: Erin Bigler and Luigi Ferrer
  - Takeaways: The meeting was focused on contingency planning in response to ADAP funding, as detailed in the Partnership Report, above. Notably, the Subcommittee recommended removing Biktarvy® from the Ryan White Program Prescription Drug Formulary to align with the ADAP Formulary.

- **Mentoring Program**

Staff presented the flyer, "Committee Applicant Mentoring Opportunity and Next Steps." Members reviewed the flyer and voted to approve it as presented.

Motion to approve the Committee Applicant Mentoring Opportunity and Next Steps flyer as presented.
Moved: Luigi Ferrer **Seconded: Joanna Robinson** **Motion: Passed**

X. New Business

- **HIV Long-Term Survivors Day, June 5, 2026**

Mr. Ferrer advised members that the Miami Speaker's Bureau is hosting an HIV Long-Term Survivors Day event at Tap 42. The theme is Aging Healthy with HIV and will include a presentation by an HIV gerontologist. All long-term survivors are welcome to attend.

XI. Announcements and Open Discussion

The following announcements were made:

- May 14: Liberty Square Youth Summit.
- A Conference at Duke University which focused on a cure for AIDS included some hopeful results based on clinical trials.
- AHF is hosting a free salsa dance night in Doral.

Flyers for events should be forwarded to staff for distribution.

XII. Next Roundtable

Mr. Hallmon recapped the meeting activities. Mr. Ferrer announced the next meeting is May 26, 2026; location to be announced.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Hallmon adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.