



Community Coalition Roundtable

Latinos Salud (Southwest Miami)
8946 SW 40th Street, Miami, FL 33165

July 27, 2026, Minutes

Approved August 31, 2026

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests
1	Burks, Laurie Ann	x		Bigler, Erin
2	Davis, Debra		x	Brown, Dedra
3	Farshchi, Auva		x	Cunningham, Keisha
4	Ferrer, Luigi	x		Flores, Roman
5	Hallmon, Rolando	x		Smith, Lynn
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				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

Rolando Hallmon, Chair, 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 and participated in an ice-breaker exercise using on one word to describe yourself.

III. Recognition of Meeting Host

Mr. Hallmon acknowledged and thanked Latinos Salud for hosting the meeting, providing meeting space and assistance.

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

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, so the floor was closed.

VI. Review/Approve Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda and there were no changes.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Luigi Ferrer

Seconded: Sandra Jones

Motion: Passed

VII. Review the Minutes of April 27, 2026

Members reviewed the minutes of April 27, 2026, and approved them as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2026, as presented.

Moved: Sandra Jones

Seconded: Luigi Ferrer

Motion: Passed

VIII. Reports

▪ Partnership Report

Staff announced the motions approved by the Partnership at their July 20, 2026, meeting, and reminded members of the next Partnership meeting date of August 11, 2026.

IX. Standing Business

▪ Membership and Recruitment Goals

Members reviewed the new Vacancy flyer and made suggestions for updates (as space allows):

- ☐ Under Strategic Planning: Change the tagline to, “Develop and monitor the official Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan and develop an HIV Annual Report.”
- ☐ Under Community Coalition, 4 open seats are for General Members.
- ☐ Change “PEOPLE WITH HIV ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN” to “PEOPLE WITH HIV ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE WORK OF THE PARTNERSHIP. JOIN TODAY!”

Members shared some benefits of membership:

- ☐ “I need that information so I can pass it on to that person who is diagnosed tomorrow.”
- ☐ People feel hopeless, and by having the knowledge and understanding about HIV services, we can put the hope back.

- When the ADAP crisis was threatening access to Biktarvy® and Descovy®, members had the information about when and if it would be restored to the ADAP Formulary, and how to access medications.
- The ADAP crisis showed us that we can organize and get results.
- People who are HIV positive should be making decisions about funding.
- If people get involved in decision-making about the care they are receiving, that will make a difference.
- “If there’s something you don’t know, speak up!”
- Clients need to participate before there is a crisis.
- If you use Ryan White services and they provide you with a better life, you can sit on the Partnership as an example of how the services work and teach others the importance of being a voice for the community.
- Being with other people involved in HIV can “rub off on you” to make you a better advocate and to better understand your own healthcare.
- Need to make people understand that the work of the Partnership affects you and how.

Challenges:

- All committees need members.
- People are still feeling stigmatized.
- Some people only came for incentives.

Members discussed some strategies that have been tried in the past, including speaking to Medical Case Managers, attending events, and speaking at support groups.

Members discussed eligibility and noted that if a Ryan White client can join the Partnership without a voter registration and then be assigned to a committee.

▪ **Mentoring Program**

Members reviewed the Mentoring Steps as presented and suggested no changes.

X. New Business

▪ **Remaining 2026 Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations**

Members reviewed the schedule of remaining dates. For upcoming dates, everyone agreed the November and December dates were too close to holidays and should not be scheduled. All agreed on the meeting time of 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a light dinner at 3:30 p.m. Borinquen Medical Centers and the Latinos Salud location at 8934 SW 40th Street, were suggested for remaining meetings. Also, staff will continue to look at options to meet at the Overtown Performing Arts Center.

XI. Announcements and Open Discussion

Staff reminded members of the resources available on the www.PartnershipMiami.org website.

Dedra Brown distributed a flyer and announced the Diamonds in the Rough Safe Space meetings for women with HIV.

XII. Next Roundtable

Mr. Hallmon recapped the meeting activities. Mr. Ferrer announced the next meeting is August 31, 2026, possibly at Borinquen Medical Center; location to be confirmed.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Hallmon adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.