



**Community Coalition Roundtable Luncheon**  
**Behavioral Science Research Corporation**  
**2121 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 230**  
**Coral Gables, FL 33134 and via Zoom**  
**January 31, 2022**

*Approved February 28, 2022*

#	Members	Present	Absent
1	Burks, Laurie Ann	x	
2	Ferrer, Luigi	x	
3	Jones, Sandra	x	
4	McIntyre, Harold	x	
5	McMullen, Lamar	x	
6	Mitchell, Synthia		x
7	Perez Bermudez, Alberto	x	
8	Reynolds, Brandon		x
9	Tramel, Alecia	x	
10	Vaughn, Sannita	x	
<b>14 Vacancies</b>			
<b>Quorum: 4</b> <b>*Attendance via Zoom</b>			

Guests	
Byamugisha, Acklynn	
Frazier, John	
Goodman, Michelle*	
Hodge, Vincent	
Marqués, Jamie*	
McPhaul, Alesia	
Mester, Brad*	
Neff, Travis♦	
Nelson, Takisha*	
Staff	
Bontempo, Christina	
Kubilus, Barbara	
*Attendance via Zoom	
♦ Partnership Chair; voting member	

Note: All documents referenced in these minutes are on file and were accessible to members and the public prior to (and during) the meeting, at [www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents](http://www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents). This roundtable was held in a hybrid format with attendance in-person and via Zoom. Meeting documents were projected in the meeting room and on the Zoom shared screen.

**I. Business Items**

▪ **Call to Order/Introductions**

Committee Chair, Sannita Vaughn, called the roundtable to order at 12:04 p.m. In-person attendees introduced themselves and staff read the names of Zoom participants.

▪ **Resource Persons**

Ms. Vaughn recognized Behavioral Science Research Corp. (BSR) staff as the resource person for today’s roundtable.

▪ **Floor Open to the Public**

Ms. Vaughn 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; the floor was then closed.

- **Review Agenda**

The committee reviewed the agenda. There were no changes.

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

**Moved: Travis Neff**

**Seconded: Sandra Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

- **Review the Minutes of November 29, 2021**

Members reviewed the November 29, 2021 meeting minutes. There were no changes.

**Motion to approve the November 29, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.**

**Moved: Alecia Tramel**

**Seconded: Lamar McMullen**

**Motion: Passed**

- **Membership**

Members were given a folder with the Membership Report; Member Recruitment Campaign; and application for the Community Coalition and the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership. Members were asked to review all the materials prior to the next meeting and, if possible, bring a new applicant with a completed application.

- **Partnership Member Application Review**

Staff received two applications for Partnership membership: 1) Alecia Tramel for the *Non-Elected Community Leader/Not an HIV Provider* seat; and 2) John Frazier for a *Representative of the Affected Community, not affiliated or employed by a Ryan White Program Part A funded service provider and receiving one or more Ryan White Program Part A services* seat. Both candidates were present, introduced themselves and stated their interest in joining the planning council.

Members completed Applicant Score Sheets for each candidate, staff tallied the results, and both candidates were put forward for recommendation:

**Motion to recommend to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County the appointment to the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership of Alecia Tramel in the Non-Elected Community Leader, Not an HIV Provider seat.**

**Moved: Luigi Ferrer**

**Seconded: Sandra Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion to recommend to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County the appointment to the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership of James Frazier for the seat: Representative of the Affected Community, not affiliated or employed by a Ryan White Program Part A funded service provider and receiving one or more Ryan White Program Part A services.**

**Moved: Alecia Tramel**

**Seconded: Lamar McMullen**

**Motion: Passed**

- **Election of Officers**

Per the Partnership Bylaws, elections of Chair and Vice Chair are to take place in January of each year. Due to meeting cancellations, the schedule was delayed one month. Members put forward their names as nominees: Alecia Tramel for Chair and Lamar McMullen for Vice Chair. After some discussion, no other

nominees were named. Members voted on the slate of candidates:

**Motion to elect Alecia Tramel as Community Coalition Chair and Lamar McMullen as Community Coalition Vice Chair.**

**Moved: Luigi Ferrer**

**Seconded: Alberto Perez Bermudez**

**Motion: Passed**

The new officers were welcomed with special thanks to outgoing Chair Sannita Vaughn.

## **II. Roundtable**

### **▪ Review of Committee Feedback on Roundtable Items**

Staff advised that most committees have not met to review the Roundtable Feedback; this item was tabled.

### **▪ Special Presentation: Language Matters When Ending the Epidemic: Redefining the New Norms**

Ms. Vaughn, Ms. Tramel, Mr. McMullen, and Alesia McPhaul presented *Language Matters When Ending the Epidemic: Redefining the New Norms*, and led a question, answer, and feedback session. The presentation covered perception, words, and language related to HIV and people with HIV; why language we use around HIV matters; stigmatizing language and how to rephrase conversations around HIV; and the importance of People First language. The presenters urged participants to speak up whenever they hear misinformation or stigmatizing language, and to understand their surroundings and their audience to be able to convey empowering language in an inclusive way.

### **▪ General Discussion**

A question was raised regarding incentives to bring in new members. Staff advised cash or gift card incentives are not effective to increase membership because once a person becomes a member, they can no longer receive incentives.

Members asked about how materials could be made available in Spanish and Creole to include a larger audience.

### **▪ Announcements**

Several National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day events were announced hosted by Pridelines, Empower U, Inc., and Positive People Network. Several food distribution events were promoted through the Partnership's social media accounts.

Positive People Network and the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County announced job openings. People with HIV are given priority and are encouraged to apply to all positions.

Positive People Network is looking for members for their Community Advisory Board.

### **▪ Next Roundtable**

Members were asked to consider going back to alternating lunch and dinner meetings in off-site locations. Staff noted that holding meetings at off-site locations is challenging due to COVID-19 restrictions at provider agencies and the A/V set up required to conduct meetings in-person and via Zoom. Members were asked to advise staff of possible alternate locations.

Staff advised the United Way Ansin Building is no longer financially viable as a meeting site, and the Miami-Dade Public Library does not allow food in the meeting room.

- **Adjournment**

Ms. Vaughn called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved: Sandra Jones**

**Seconded: Alberto Perez Bermudez**

**Motion: Passed**

The roundtable adjourned at 1:35 p.m.