



**Community Coalition Roundtable Dinner
Empower U Community Health Center
7900 NW 27th Avenue, Suite C3A, Miami, FL 33147**

May 23, 2022

Approved July 27, 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	Perez Bermudez, Alberto		x
7	Tramel, Alecia	x	
8	Vaughn, Sannita		x
16 Vacancies			
Quorum: 4			

Guests	
Byamugisha, Acklynn	
Staff	
Bontempo, Christina	
Kubilus, Barbara	

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. The meeting agenda and calendar were distributed to all attendees. Meeting documents related to action items were distributed to members. Reference copies of reports, minutes, and flyers were available. All meeting documents were projected on the meeting room projection screen.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Alecia Tramel, called the roundtable to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. Introductions

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Housekeeping/Meeting Rules

Ms. Tramel presented the PowerPoint, *Partnership Meeting Housekeeping – Hybrid Meetings*, including code of conduct, Behavioral Science Research Corp. (BSR) resource persons, and attendance. Members and guests were reminded that this meeting – including video, audio, and chat box input – is being recorded and will become part of the public record.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Vice Chair, Lamar McMullen, 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.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda. Staff asked to move the presentation by Allison Ruby to after the approval of Minutes.

Motion to approve the agenda with the change noted.

Moved: Luigi Ferrer

Seconded: Sandra Jones

Motion: Passed

VI. Review the Minutes of April 25, 2022

Members reviewed the April 25, 2022 meeting minutes. There were no changes.

Motion to approve the April 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Sandra Jones

Seconded: Harold McIntyre

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

▪ Partnership Report

The Partnership Report was posted online and a reference copy was available at the meeting. Ms. Tramel noted the approved motions as written in the report.

VIII. Standing Business

▪ Membership

Members were given a copy of the draft Recruitment Campaign developed by members who were part of the JSI/Target HIV Retention and Recruitment training in 2020. Staff suggested a review, update, and adoption of a recruitment plan; to be further discussed at upcoming meetings.

The Partnership will have a table at the June 4 HALO Awards recognizing HIV Long Term Survivors Day. Staff will coordinate to have Partnership promotional materials available at the event.

▪ National HIV Testing Day (NTD) Event Participation

In lieu of the June meeting, members will attend various NTD events at Walgreens and other locations. Staff will coordinate with members to make sure they have Partnership promotional materials.

▪ AIDS Walk Miami Update

There was no update since the April meeting: Staff is monitoring the AIDS Walk Miami website for updates on the 2022 event; no details have been posted. Historically, the Partnership has hosted a table at AIDS Walk Miami.

IX. New Business

▪ Health Care Disparities Highlighted by the COVID-19 Pandemic

Allison Ruby

Allison Ruby, Merck community liaison, presented *Health Care Disparities Highlighted by the COVID-19 Pandemic*. The presentation noted the how both minority populations and people experiencing poverty were disproportionately negatively impacted by COVID-19. Particularly in the pre-vaccine days, the number of hospitalizations and deaths among African-Americans was disproportionately high compared to the population numbers. The presentation noted specific challenges for people with HIV in both preventing and treating COVID-19. The presentation also described efforts to bring COVID-19 awareness and access to treatment to as many people as possible, noting that if you don't know about available services, those services are not really available to you. Also highlighted was the overwhelming volume of information and misinformation and the difficulties of navigating an "info-demic." Members thanked Ms. Ruby for her presentation.

▪ Target HIV Transgender Training Program

Lamar McMullen

Mr. McMullen announced that he has been a collaborator in developing an upcoming TargetHIV training focusing on cultural sensitivity and inclusion of transgender people in community planning. Mr. McMullen will also be a featured presenter on the final training. The date of the training is pending.

▪ Language Matter Update to Housekeeping PowerPoint

Based on language provided by Positive People Network, staff was instructed to include a slide addressing People First Language and do's and don't's in the regular meeting Housekeeping presentation.

It was noted that medical case managers (MCM) are among those who need to be reminded of People First Language. It was noted that MCM no longer empower people with HIV or act as mentors.

Motion to adapt language matters language for a new slide in the meeting Housekeeping presentation.

Moved: Harold McIntyre

Seconded: Lamar McMullen

Motion: Passed

▪ Remaining 2022 Meeting Times and Locations

Members agreed to continue the dinner meeting schedule with meetings beginning at 5:30 p.m. Locations and dates for upcoming meetings were agreed upon as: July at Jessie Trice Community Health System; August at Pridelines; and September at Borinquen Medical Centers.

X. Announcements

Acklynn Byamugisha announced there are still tickets available for the HIV Long Term Survivors Day event at Marlins Park. Staff will attend and will bring goodie bags promoting the Partnership.

XI. Next Roundtable

Vice Chair, Lamar McMullen, announced the next Roundtable is scheduled for July 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Jessie Trice Community Health System. Staff will distribute details after the meeting.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Tramel called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Sandra Jones

Seconded: Lamar McMullen

Motion: Passed

The roundtable adjourned at 7:30 p.m.