

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

**March 25, 2024 Minutes**

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Burks, Laurie Ann	x		Chassi, Kai	Jones, Jaida
2	Ferrer, Luigi	x		Chediak, Zoila	Jones, Keddrick
3	Jones, Sandra	x		Dennis, Thaddeus	Robinson, Joanna
4	McIntyre, Harold	x		Gonzalez, Nilda	White, Mahogany
5	McMullen, Lamar	x		Ingram, Trillion	
6	Tramel-McIntyre, Alecia	x		<b>Staff</b>	
<b>Quorum: 3</b>				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 [www.aidsnet.org/the-partnership#roundtable1](http://www.aidsnet.org/the-partnership#roundtable1).

**I. Call to Order**

Community Coalition Roundtable Chair, Lamar McMullen called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**II. Introductions**

Mr. McMullen led the Committee through introductions and an ice-breaker on why they were excited for the Summer.

- **Recognition of Meeting Host**

Mr. McMullen recognized Empower U as tonight’s meeting host.

**III. Housekeeping**

Members and guests read the slides for the *Meeting Housekeeping* PowerPoint, which included general reminders, code of conduct, people-first language, meeting participation best practices, and resource persons.

- **Review of Today’s Handouts**

Mr. McMullen asked attendees to review the materials in their meeting packet.

**IV. Floor Open to the Public**

Mr. 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 relevant to agenda items, so the floor was closed.

**V. Review/Approve Agenda**

Members reviewed the agenda and approved it as presented.

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

**Moved: Luigi Ferre**

**Seconded: Alecia Tramel-McIntyre**

**Motion: Passed**

**VI. Review the Minutes of February 26, 2024**

Members reviewed the minutes of February 26, 2024. Luigi Ferrer should be marked as absent.

**Motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024, with the attendance corrected.**

**Moved: Sandra Jones**

**Seconded: Alecia Tramel-McIntyre**

**Motion: Passed**

**VII. Reports**

▪ **Membership**

□ **Partnership Member Applicants**

Four applicants were present at the meeting. All applicants have completed the online interest form; the required paperwork; and a personal interview with staff and Mr. McMullen or with staff and member, Sandra Jones. Applicants were asked to see staff after the meeting to review paperwork and next steps.

Mr. McMullen called on applicants in turn to introduce themselves and state their interest in membership as follows:

- Nilda Gonzalez for the Federally Qualified Health Center Representative seat;
- Keddrick Jones for a Representative of the Affected Community seat;
- Joanna Robinson for a Representative of the Affected Community seat; and
- Mahogany White for a Representative of the Affected Community seat.

Members completed ballots on each candidate. Staff tallied ballots and announced scores for all applicants were in favor of recommendation. The Chair called for motions on the candidates.

**Motion to recommend to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County the appointment of Nilda Gonzalez for the *Federally Qualified Health Center Representative* seat on the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership.**

**Moved: Luigi Ferrer**

**Seconded: Sandra Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion to recommend to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County the appointment of Keddrick Jones for a *Representatives of the Affected Community* seat on the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership.**

**Moved: Sandra Jones**

**Seconded: Luigi Ferrer**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion to recommend to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County the appointment of Joseph “Joanna” Robinson for a *Representatives of the Affected Community* seat on the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership.**

**Moved: Harold McIntyre**

**Seconded: Sandra Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

**Motion to recommend to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County the appointment of Jason “Mahogany” White for a *Representatives of the Affected Community* seat on the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership.**

**Moved: Alecia Tramel-McIntyre**

**Seconded: Luigi Ferrer**

**Motion: Passed**

□ **Partnership Report to the Committees**

The report is available online and Mr. McMullen read the list of motions into the record.

**VIII. Standing Business**

**Thriving with HIV 2024 Roundtable Series: *Develop Your 10-minute HIV 101 and Partnership 101 Elevator Pitch***

Member Luigi Ferrer led attendees in a discussion of how to speak about HIV, the difference between HIV and AIDS, modes of transmission, and current promotion messaging. Attendees discussed the importance of promoting Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), condom usage, stressing that HIV is not a “death sentence”, and allowing themselves to accept that HIV is just something in their lives. Members discussed the Undetectable Equals Untransmittable (U=U) prevention messaging and stressed that this is not applicable to all sexually transmitted infections and therefore condom usage should still be promoted. Attendees also discussed how messaging should be tailored to different audiences and that over-explaining could be detrimental to messaging.

Staff noted the activity handout in member packets included a brief elevator pitch for the Partnership and encouraged everyone to commit this to memory.

The information and feedback from tonight’s activity will be incorporated in next month’s activity on developing a personal role model story.

**IX. New Business**

New Business items were in member packets and were tabled until the next meeting.

**Motion to table New Business Items.**

**Moved: Harold McIntyre**

**Seconded: Sandra Jones**

**Motion: Passed**

**X. Announcements**

Mr. Ferrer announced the due date for signing up with Greater Than AIDS for National HIV Testing Day is approaching.

Ms. Tramel McIntyre encouraged attendees to continue to strive for a better quality of life.

**XI. Next Roundtable**

Mr. McMullen announced the next Roundtable is scheduled for April 29, 2024, at Jessie Trice Community Health System.

**XII. Adjournment**

Mr. McMullen adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.