

FREDERIKSTED HEALTH CARE, INC.

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Good Afternoon, Honorable Senator Clifford Graham, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, all other Honorable Senators, as well as members of the public present, and to those viewing and/or listening via media coverage. My name is Lennox Joseph. I am a Certified Public Accountant(CPA), and I am the Treasurer of the Board of Directors for Frederiksted Health Care, Inc.

I appear before you this afternoon on behalf of the Board of Directors of Frederiksted Health Care, Inc., to request your favorable consideration and approval of the agency's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request of \$2,383,265. I have been serving on the Board of Directors for the past two years, and given those years of experience coupled with my with my skills as an accountant, I can attest to the fact that the board and the management of FHC diligently deliberate and make thoughtful and constructive decisions as it attempts to improve FHC's delivery of health care to the VI community. I can also attest to the fact that FHC utilizes all funds appropriately in its everyday operations.

Frederiksted Health Care, Inc.'s Board of Directors is comprised of thirteen (13) members. Presently there is one (1) vacancy on the board. Health Resources Service Administration, (HRSA), our federal funder mandates that the board must have a consumer majority on the board. This means 50% plus (1) one must be users of the health center's services per the federal guidelines.

For your perview, I am including a list of the members of the Frederiksted Board of Directors:

Board Members	Title
John Abramson	Chairperson
Beverly Joseph	Vice-Chairperson
Lennox Joseph, CPA	Treasurer
Dr. Bertley Barrow	Secretary
Roland Benjamin	Member
Stanley Jones	Member
Michael Casey	Member
Kim Daniels	Member
Caroline Fawkes	Member
Lena Schulerbrandt	Member
Jennifer Jackson	Member
Lorraine Motta	Member

The Board of Directors operates in accordance with the Bureau of Primary Health Care Policy Information Notice 98-23 – Consolidated Health Center Program Expectations: the board sets the policies and procedures of the center, approves the program budgets and ensures program compliance with all applicable laws, guidelines, and regulations in collaboration with the Chief Executive Officer, who in turn guides the executive management team. The Board of Directors fulfills its role through its monthly board meetings, receipt of monthly reports from the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Dental Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Additionally, the Board conducts business utilizing committee meetings with recommendations for board approval.

During the past fiscal year, Frederiksted Health Care, Inc.'s Board of Directors has:

- Coordinated our annual Board of Directors' Training with the Executive Staff;
- Attended Community Health Center training and conferences
- Exercised its fiduciary role through budget approvals, Audit acceptance for Calendar Year 2014 (CY 2015 Audits are currently underway. It is anticipated that the audit will be presented to Board for approval in September 2016);

- Exercised oversight responsibilities through monthly Board of Directors meetings to address matters related to policy approvals, as well as receive updates and provide input on the center's day-to-day operations in collaboration with the CEO.
- Approved the expansion of dental services to Northshore facility. Renovations are presently underway.

Frederiksted Health Care, Inc. Board of Directors pledges its continued commitment to the community, the Bureau of Primary Health Care Motto of 100% Access and 0% Disparity.

In closing, I would like to thank this body for your continued support which will serve to further, strengthen, maintain, support and enhance our goals. We sincerely express our appreciation for your continued understanding and interest in our agency. We thank you for the opportunity to provide information about our agency and we ask that you work with us as we strive to be "partners in the health care" of our community.

Thank You,

Lennox Joseph
Treasurer, FHC Board of Directors