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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, Vice Chair

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FROM: Angel L. Bolques, Jr. (

Chairman, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

DATE: August 22, 2024

RE: AGENDA | Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports and Parks

Hearing-Friday, August 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks has scheduled a hearing for Friday, August 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix to receive testimony and updates regarding the status of the Department of Human Services, Lutheran Social Services, St. Croix Foundation for Community Development, and Paradise48 Film Festival.

BLOCK I: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The committee will receive testimony from Lutheran Social Services on its operations and services provided to the community. The committee will also receive testimonies from the Department of Human Services on the operation of senior citizen and youth programs, including but not limited to their challenges and successes.

Invited Testifiers:

Junia John-Straker CEO, Lutheran Social Service

Avril George

Commissioner, Department of Human Services

LUNCH 12:00 PM-12:45 PM

BLOCK II: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

The committee will hear testimony from the St. Croix Foundation for Community Development on the status of the recent KIDS COUNT report and recommendations. It will also hear testimony from the Paradise48 Film Festival programs and services.

Invited Testifiers:

Deanna James
Director, St. Croix Foundation for Community Development
(KIDS COUNT)

Laurika Jude Founder, Paradise48 Film Festival