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FROM: Honorable Ray Fonseca 
Chairman, Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services

DATE: March 14, 2024

RE: AGENDA – 04-03-24- COMMITTEE MEETING **REVISED III**

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on **Wednesday, April 03, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall St. Thomas.**

BLOCK I

10:00AM-10:30AM

Bill No. 35-0224 *An Act amending title 19, part V, chapter 45, subchapter VI to increase access to behavioral health services, with a focus on a Psychiatric Emergency Response Team to provide mobile crisis intervention services, and the 9-8-8 telecommunication system, sponsored by Senator Diane T. Capehart.*

NO TESTIFIER(S)

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BLOCK II

10:35AM-12:00PM

The Committee will receive testimony on the public health challenges of managing diabetes in the United States Virgin Islands.

INVITED TESTIFIER:

Ms. Julia Sheen DrPH, MPH

Executive Director, Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence

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12:01PM-12:45PM

BLOCK III

12:46PM-02:30PM

The Committee will receive testimony on the operational status of the Juan F. Luis Hospital.

INVITED TESTIFIER:

Mr. Doug Koch

Chief Executive Officer, Juan F. Luis Hospital

BLOCK IV

02:40PM-05:00PM

The Committee will receive an update on the transition of the Juan F. Louis Hospital to the JFL North Facility. In addition, the members will receive testimony on the construction and development of the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Center, and the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

INVITED TESTIFIER:

Mr. Darryl Smalls

Executive Director, Facilities and Corporate Development

Territorial Hospital Redevelopment Team