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

DATE: March 7, 2024

RE: AGENDA – 04-03-24- COMMITTEE MEETING

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

10:35PM-12:15PM

Bill No 35-0128 *An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 4A relating to the practice of professional counseling to modify and update licensure requirements, and for other related purposes*, sponsored by Senator Marvin A. Blyden.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

The Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge

Commissioner, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs

Dr. Vincentina Paul-Constantin

Chairwoman, V.I. Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners

Mr. Curtis Callender

Secretary, V.I. Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners

Dr. Aaron Norton

Executive Director, National Board of Forensics Evaluators, Inc.

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Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Psychologist and Forensic Evaluator

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LUNCH

12:16PM-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 testimony on the transition of the Juan F. Luis Hospital to the JFL North Facility. In addition to an update, 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