

# COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOSPITALS & HUMAN SERVICES

## The Honorable Ray Fonseca CHAIRMAN



### 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands

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**TO:** Honorable Kenneth L. Gittens, Vice-Chair  
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Honorable Marise C. James  
Honorable Milton E. Potter

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

**DATE:** February 6, 2024

**RE:** AGENDA – 02-07-24- COMMITTEE MEETING **REVISED II**

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on **Wednesday, February 07, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall St. Thomas.**

### **BLOCK I**

**10:00am-12:00pm**

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.*

### **INVITED TESTIFER(S):**

The Honorable **Justa** “Tita” Encarnacion  
Commissioner, Department of Health

The Honorable Ray Martinez  
Commissioner, V.I. Police Department

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Mr. Gleston McIntosh  
Director, Peace Officers Standards Training

Dr. David Hall SJD  
President, University of the Virgin Islands

Mr. Anthony Stevens  
Acting Director, Fire and Emergency Medical Services

### **BLOCK II**

**12:30PM-2:30PM**

Bill No. 35-0207, *An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part I, adding chapter 6a to create the Territorial Chronic Kidney Disease and Diabetes Registry*, sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca.

### **INVITED TESTIFIER(S):**

The Honorable Just "Tita" Encarnacion  
Commissioner, Department of Health

Dr. Lyna Fredericks  
Director of Chronic Disease, Department of Health

Dr. Tai Hunte-Ceaser  
Medical Director, Department of Health

### **BLOCK III**

**2:35PM-4:30pm**

The Committee will receive testimony on the operational status of the St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation.

### **Invited Testifiers**

Dr. Tess Richards  
Interim Executive Director, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corp.

Karl Callwood  
Chairman of the Board, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corp.