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

DATE: July 12, 2023

RE: AGENDA – 07-12-2023 COMMITTEE MEETING

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on **Monday, July 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.** During this Committee meeting, action will be taken on Bill No. 35-0081, *An Act repealing and reenacting Title 27, chapter 1, subchapter IIa to enact the Virgin Islands Telehealth Act, which includes telemedicine and the standards that govern the practice of medicine and the provision of healthcare services using telehealth modalities*, **Sponsored by: Senator Donna Frett-Gregory.**

The committee will also receive an operational update from the Department of Human Services, the Frederiksted Healthcare, and a follow up update from the St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation. Caribbean Kidney Center (CKC) will provide an update on the status of nurse payments and AEROMD will present operational updates relative to their respective facilities and will discuss other key components as it relates to their responsibilities.

BLOCK I

10:00am-12:00pm

Bill No. 35-0081, An Act repealing and reenacting Title 27, chapter 1, subchapter IIa to enact the Virgin Islands Telehealth Act, which includes telemedicine and the standards that govern the practice of medicine and the provision of healthcare services using telehealth modalities,
Sponsored by: Senator Donna Frett-Gregory.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion
Commissioner, Department of Health



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Mrs. Massarae Sprauve-Webster
Chief Executive Officer, Frederiksted Healthcare

LUNCH

12:00-12:30PM

BLOCK II

1:00pm-3:00pm

The Committee will receive an update from the Department of Human Services and Frederiksted Healthcare on the status of their operation and all related programs/divisions under their purview.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

Honorable Kimberley Causey-Gomez
Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Mrs. Massarae Sprauve-Webster
Chief Executive Officer, Frederiksted Healthcare

BLOCK III

3:00pm-4:30pm

The St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation will provide a updated operational status, Caribbean Kidney Center (CKC) will provide an update on the status of nurse payments, and AEROMD will provide testimony on their operational status and key services they provide to the residents of this territory.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

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

Dr. Walter Gardiner
Medical Director, Caribbean Kidney Center

Mrs. Linda Charles Christian
Office Manager, AEROMD