

# COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOSPITALS & HUMAN SERVICES

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


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

**DATE:** July 21, 2023

**RE:** AGENDA – 07-12-2023 COMMITTEE MEETING -Revised

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 **Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged (HGH)** 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 for their facility.

#### **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

Ms. Tina Commissiong, Esq.  
Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Regional Medical Center



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License Psychologist, Ashar Counseling and Psychological

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

### LUNCH

12:05-12:30pm

### BLOCK II

12:35pm 2:00pm

The Committee will receive an update from the **Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged (HGH)** on the status of their operation.

#### INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

**Ms. Denelle Baptiste**  
Assistant Commissioner, Department of Human Services

**Mr. Alvin Milligan**  
Acting Administrator, Senior Citizen Affairs

**Mrs. Ana Velez-Martinez**  
Director, Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged

### BLOCK III

2:05pm-4:00pm

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 for their facility

#### INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

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

**Dr. Walter Gardiner**  
Medical Director, Caribbean Kidney Center