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Committee on Education and Workforce Development

Agenda *REVISED I

Friday, March 7, 2025

10:00 AM

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix USVI

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Opening Remarks

IV. Reading of the agenda

V. Block I - Testimonies and Committee Discussions

Invited Testifier(s):

Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, Department of Labor

- Status of Workforce Development Programs that align with key industries (construction, technology, healthcare)
- Breakdown of local and federal funds allocated for workforce development and the number of individuals served
- Update on the Youth and Apprenticeship Program, including participating service providers and individuals served
- Financial breakdown of expenditures for the Youth and Apprenticeship Program
- Status and of the Summer Youth Work Experience Program
- Youth Team impact: Number of youths served, completed academic/career assessments, and service referrals

VI. Block II Testimonies and Committee Discussions

Invited Testifiers(s):

1. ***Christie Payne**, Program Director, My Brother's Workshop
2. **Frandelle Gerard**, Executive Director, Crucian Heritage & Nature Tourism
3. **Suzanne Darrow-Magras, PhD**, Director, University of the Virgin Islands Center for Excellence in Leadership and Learning (UVI CELL)

Discussion Topics:

- Overview of Organization's Mission and Programs
- Workforce Development Initiatives
- Educational and training opportunities offered
- Collaborations with schools, colleges, and vocational programs
- Success stories and community impact
- Barriers and challenges to workforce development

VII. Closing Remarks

VIII. Adjournment

Thank you for your attendance and valuable contributions to the hearing