

# COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOSPITALS & HUMAN SERVICES

## The Honorable Ray Fonseca

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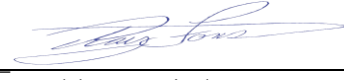
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**FROM:** Honorable Ray Fonseca   
Chairman, Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services

**DATE:** March 23, 2026

**RE:** AGENDA -Committee Hearing-**Revised II**

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers, on St. Thomas.

**BLOCK I** \_\_\_\_\_ **10:00-1:00pm**

The Committee will receive an operational update from the Department of Human Services on the administration of the Medicaid State Plan, including outstanding childcare balances and related financial obligations. The Department will also provide updates on key projects, including the status of Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged and Queen Louise Home, the development of CMS-certified long-term elderly care facilities, and the construction timeline and relocation plans for the new Human Services facility.

Additionally, the Department will address strategies to reduce hospital boarders through expanded long-term care capacity, as well as updates on federally funded childcare initiatives and Head Start program expansion. Testimony should include clear timelines, measurable outcomes, and accountability benchmarks to ensure effective service delivery.

#### INVITED TESTIFIERS:

The Honorable Averil George  
Commissioner,  
Department of Human Services

Mrs. Adrienne L. Williams- Octalien  
Executive Director,  
Office of Disaster Recovery

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## BLOCK II

**2:00pm-5:00pm**

The Committee will receive a comprehensive update from the executive leadership of both hospitals regarding the progress of the merger, as well as the current financial and clinical status of the institutions. Testimony will address several critical operational areas, including emergency room wait times, staffing levels and workforce stability, the condition and availability of medical equipment and infrastructure, supply chain and procurement operations, payroll administration, and the hospitals' overall financial condition and revenue cycle performance.

### INVITED TESTIFIERS:

Ms. Darlene A. Baptiste, MA Ed, RTT, EMT, CPM

CEO,

Territorial Hospitals

Mr. Jerry Smith

Chairman,

Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation

Mr. Darryl A. Smalls

Executive Director,

Facilities & Capital Development

Territorial Hospital Redevelopment Team