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

DATE: April 14, 2025

RE: AGENDA -Committee Meeting-**REVISE**

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on **Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers, on St. Thomas.**

BLOCK I 10:00-11:30am

The members of the committee will receive an overview and mitigation plan from the Department of Health relative to the following diseases in the territory; Hand Foot and Mouth, Measles, Covid, and Flu.

INVITED TESTIFIER:

The Honorable Justa Encarnacion
Commissioner,
Department of Health

BLOCK II 11:40am-1:00pm

Bill No. 36-0021-An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part III, chapter 29, subchapter I relating to opioids and requiring that a practitioner discuss certain information with a patient when prescribing opioids, **Sponsor by Senator Marvin A. Blyden**

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BLOCK III

1:45pm-4:00pm

36-0035- An Act amending title 15 Virgin Islands Code, article V to allow the Government of the Virgin Islands to implement the federal mandate of the Stephen J. Beck, Jr., Achieving Better Life Experiences, which provides for the establishment of savings accounts for persons with disabilities, **Sponsor by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr. Co-Sponsor by Senator Marise C. James.**

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

The Honorable Kevin McCurdy

Commissioner,
Department of Finance

Hinda Carbon
Executive Director,
Virgin Islands Bar

Mr. Angus Drigo
Executive Director,
Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands

Mr. Christopher Finch
Former- Chairman
Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation

Mr. Julien Henley Sr.
ADA Coordinator,
Office of the Governor

Mr. Troy Schuster
Virgin Islands State Director
American Association of Retired Persons