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

DATE: May 7, 2025

RE: AGENDA -Committee Meeting

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers, on St. Thomas.**

BLOCK I 10:00-1:00pm

36-0050- An Act repealing and reenacting with amendments title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 20, relating to the regulation of the profession of social work and social workers, **Sponsor by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

36-0051-An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 20 by establishing the Virgin Islands Board of Social Work Licensure, **Sponsor by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

36-0043-An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part VI, chapter 53, subchapter IV, section 1481 by increasing the penalties for violation of sanitation laws, **Sponsor Senator Angel L. Bolques Jr.**

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

The Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge
Commissioner,
Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

The Honorable Averil E. George
Commissioner,
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The Honorable Justa Encarnacion
Commissioner,
Department of Health

Ms. Sophia Joseph Parrilla, PhD.
Clinical Director,
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BLOCK II 1:40pm-4:00pm

The Department of Human Services will provide a detailed overview on the status of the territory's Head Start program. The presentation will highlight key aspects of early childhood education and support services, as well as examine the potential impact of proposed federal cuts on the program.

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