

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Virgin Islands Health Summit Being Hosted at UVI on St. Croix Today

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The National Health IT Collaborative for the Underserved (NHIT®), in collaboration with the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Health and the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Human Services, will be convening the USVI Health Innovation Summit on today at the University of the Virgin Islands - Albert A. Sheen Campus, Great Hall on St. Croix, the Dept. of Health has announced.

The purpose of the NHIT is to enhance USVI's capacity to create a resilient 21st century health system. The summit is supported by a grant from the Department of Interior, the D.O.H. release said.

Location: University of the Virgin Islands, Albert A. Sheen St. Croix Campus – Great Hall
Title: NHIT - Virgin Islands Health Innovation Summit
Date: Monday, November 4
Time: 8:00 am – 7:30 pm

Summit Featured Speakers:

- Tregenza A. Roach, ESQ, Lieutenant Governor, United States Virgin Islands
 - Congresswoman Stacey E. Plaskett, United States Virgin Islands
 - Senator Oakland Benta, Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services Committee Chair, 33rd Legislature of the Virgin Islands
 - Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr., President of the 33rd Legislature of the Virgin Islands
 - Basil C. Ottley, Policy Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior
 - Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, M.D., Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- They will be joined by the Commissioner's of Health, and Human Services, officials from the Department of the Center for Disease Control, University of the Virgin Islands, Frederiksted Health Care Inc., St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corp., AARP and members of the Virgin Islands community at large.

About NHIT

The National HIT Collaborative for the Underserved, Inc. (NHIT®), is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, established in 2008 with a mission to engage underserved populations in the development and use of health information technology (HIT) as a means to support and sustain health equity and economic viability based on NHIT's five pillars: Workforce, Innovation, Policy, Research, and Community .

On September 2017, NHIT with guidance from supporting partners, launched the NHIT Care Campaign to restore the health safety net for the people of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. This past 2 years, NHIT has mounted a long-term campaign to include the U.S.

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Congress, a consortium of federal agencies, key private sector and community-based stakeholders to ensure both territories benefit from the promise of Health IT Innovation .

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