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## **Office of Health Information Technology Hosting Second Annual Digital Health Summit on St. Thomas**

*Federal Agency Leaders, Health IT, Cybersecurity, and Medical Experts Meeting to  
Further Bryan-Roach Administration Initiative to Expand and Increase Health  
Services Available to Virgin Islanders*

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — Governor Albert Bryan Jr.'s Office of Health Information Technology is hosting its second annual Digital Health Summit on June 14-16 at The Antilles School on St. Thomas to bring together leading experts and officials to further the Bryan-Roach Administration's initiatives to expand and increase online resources available to Virgin Islanders to support their health and well-being.

The Digital Health Summit attracts representatives from federal agencies, as well as global experts in the fields of health IT, cybersecurity, doctors and other officials from the digital health industry.

Governor Bryan will open the summit with welcoming remarks, followed by a keynote address from Dr. Sandra Elizabeth Ford, a renowned pediatrician who previously served as President Biden's Special Assistant for Public Health and Science.

Dr. Ford will highlight the role of digital health tools in closing health equity gaps and improving healthcare through data-driven treatment plans.

"We're continuing the momentum from last year's successful summit and these workshops will help our health care system navigate the digital age to help Virgin Islanders adapt to the ever-changing shifts in health care technology," Governor Bryan said.

"I am particularly excited about the no-cost, health IT workforce training opportunities that we are initiating with Howard University and the unveiling of a Google program that gives our youth opportunities in digital health technology by teaching Python coding," the Governor said. "Both of these advances are the direct result of last year's Digital Health Summit and stand to benefit our community on a number of levels."

Summit attendees will hear from federal leaders of the Office of the National Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency.

Additionally, national leaders from the health IT, data and analytics, population health and other sectors will address pressing issues regarding data sharing regulations and advances, total person health enabled through digital means, and the financial sustainability of providing cost-effective digital health and wellness care.



Governor Bryan established the Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) in 2021 to enhance health and wellness in the USVI through innovative and transformative health information technology resources.

“This is an exhilarating conference that creates opportunities for unprecedented engagement, and this summit offers opportunities to find solutions to the most challenging issues related to data, cyber-security, interoperable systems and artificial intelligence, that affect the growing influence of digital health care,” OHIT Executive Director Michelle Francis said.

The Digital Health Care panels and workshops will be simulcast daily and can be viewed:

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- Via livestream on the GVI Facebook page ([facebook.com/governmenthouseusvi](https://facebook.com/governmenthouseusvi))
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