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Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) – 3rd Semester General Report

This 3rd Semester General Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the CDBG-MIT grant is presented in compliance with the Operational Guide adopted by the CAC, which establishes in Sec. 2.4, the responsibility for the “development and presentation to the Housing Department of a semester report summarizing tasks realized by the CAC, in accordance to its responsibilities”. This report contains the continued implementation of the adopted Work Plan, as prepared by the group for the period of December 2023 up to, and including, today's date.

In collaboration with the CDBG Communications team, and aligned with the redesign process of the CDBG web portal, the CDBG-MIT CAC's information was updated in the Citizen Participation web section. Additionally, new information was included to strengthen the offering to the public. The digital web publication, as it refers to the CAC, now includes:

- Dedicated email for anyone interested in contacting CAC members directly;
- List of CAC members names and the organizations they represent;
- Ordinary Meetings minutes (in Spanish);
- Semester Reports (in Spanish and English); and
- A timeline highlighting principal events since 2022 (in Spanish and English).



Regarding organizational aspects, for the period within this 3rd Semester's General Report, on March 13, 2024, the executive director for the Continuum of Care 502 (CoC502) notified change in the program's presidency. Therefore, upon receipt of this communication, Mrs. Belinda Hill assumed its representation as CAC member, and Mrs. Lisdel Flores assumed the position of alternate. Additionally, Luis Gallardo, executive director for the *Centro para la Reconstrucción del Hábitat* and CAC member, notified at the end of October 2023 his resignation as secretary of the CAC's Coordinating Council, reiterating continued participation in the CAC. Inadvertently, this notification was not included in the 2nd Semester's General Report, and it's included here for record.

Complying with general and specific responsibilities, the CAC provides guidance, collaborates and informs PRDOH and the public. To this end, principal results for this 3rd Semester General Report are: collaboration in the promotion of programs of interest for the public; participation in Ordinary Meetings (3, including the one corresponding to today's date); participation in informative and dialogue session of the draft Action Plan being developed for the 2022 February flood and Fiona disasters as part of the citizen participation initiatives; revision of Program Guidelines and amendments to Program Guidelines for analysis and recommendations; revision of the draft Action Plan redacted for the 2022 February flood and Fiona disasters; revision of the 4th Substantial Amendment to the CDBG-MIT Action Plan and the Trauma Center Covered Project and auxiliary projects for *Centro Médico*; and the celebration of 2 Public Forum sessions in the island municipalities of Vieques and Culebra to share information regarding CDBG-MIT Programs and listen to different public sectors. Public Forum sessions counted with the attendance and active participation of particular citizens, community leadership, representatives of municipal offices, and non-governmental organizations. Following, we include a break-down of the different meetings and specific tasks.

CDBG-DR Titles program orientations, coordinated in response to request presented at the CAC's Public Forum for the region of Fajardo in 2023:

- 1/25/2024 – Tumbao community, Maunabo
- 1/31/2024 – Guayanés community, Yabucoa
- 2/13/2023 – Mariana community, Humacao



Informative session = 1

- 1/11/2024 – Virtual presentation and dialogue of the draft Action Plan being developed for the 2022 February flood and Fiona disasters – Carlos Olmedo, Esq., PPL

Ordinary Meetings 1st Semester 2023 = 3

- 1/17/2024 – Ordinary Meeting
- 4/22/2024 – Ordinary Meeting
- 5/16/2024 – 3rd Semester Meeting with PR Department of Housing's Secretary and the Deputy Secretary for Disaster Recovery

Concept design meeting in support of CAC members' educational initiative:

- 5/7/2024 – representatives from *Coordinadora Paz para las Mujeres* and PECES with CAC support team

Public Forums = 2

- 2/22/2024 – 5:00pm to 6:30pm – *Escuela Ecológica, Culebra*
- 2/27/2024 – 5:00pm to 7:00pm – *Centro Multiusos, Vieques*

Program Guidelines and CDBG-MIT Action Plan Substantial Amendments submitted to the CAC for revision = 4

- 12/4/2023 - CDBG-MIT Infrastructure / Amendments to the Infrastructure Mitigation Program
- 1/30/2024 – CDBG-DR / Draft Action Plan for the 2022 Feb. flood and Fiona disasters
- 2/26/2024 – CDBG-MIT / HMGP Global Match Reserve Program
- 4/16/2024 - CDBG-MIT Housing / (SFHMP) Amendments to the Single-Family Housing Mitigation Program
- 4/16/2024 – 4th Substantial Amendment to the CDBG-MIT Action Plan and the Trauma Center Covered Project and auxiliary projects for *Centro Médico*