

ASEC PARADILLO COMPLETES THE CONDUCT OF CONSULTATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES CLUSTER

Assistant Secretary Myrla B. Paradillo, Board of Director for Human Services Cluster, completed the initial consultations for her oversight cluster after holding the Consultation with Housing Cooperatives on July 21, 2020 through a videoconference.

Human Services Cluster is one of the six (6) clusters that shall be overseen by the CDA Board as provided in RA 11364. It covers the health, housing, workers and labor service cooperatives.

Through videoconferencing, the consultations for the health service cooperatives and housing cooperatives were conducted on July 16 and July 21, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. 116 participants joined the health service cooperatives consultation while 125 participated in the housing cooperatives consultation.

The consultations aimed to increase the awareness and appreciation of all concerned stakeholders regarding the CDA Charter amendment, enlighten them on the significance of clustering the cooperatives, and inform them about the organization of sectoral apex organizations and a national alliance of cooperatives.

These two (2) consultations were graced by the presence of Executive Director Ray R. Elevazo who gave the opening and welcome remarks. Asec. Paradillo, on the other hand, provided the salient features of RA 11364. She also gave emphasis on the organization of sectoral apex organizations among health service cooperatives and housing cooperatives. Since both types of cooperatives have a limited number of registered primary cooperatives, she encouraged the cooperatives to organize one (1) federation or union only for each type of cooperative.

Questions and clarifications from the participants were ably and clearly answered by the panelists of both consultations. For the health service cooperatives consultation, Asec. Paradillo, Exec. Director Elevazo, and Atty. Monaliza Arriba-Juarez composed the panel while the panelists for Housing Cooperatives Consultation were Asec. Paradillo, Atty. Arriba-Juarez, and Dir. Pedro T. Defensor, Jr. Chief Joselio Hallazgo moderated the two (2) events.

Since the consultations were launched to encourage all cooperatives to get involved in the creation and organization of sectoral apex organizations and a national alliance of cooperatives, which will act as the overall consultative and coordinating body that shall be recognized by the CDA, this challenge was posed to the participants. It is within their voluntary efforts to make this happen. CDA, on the other hand, will work alongside them for policy and program support.

Snapshots of the Health Service and Housing Cooperatives Consultations

