

**Community Advisory Group (CAG)
for the
Omaha Lead Site**

Minutes for Meeting Held
Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 9:30 a.m.
Omaha Small Business Network
2505 N. 24th Street
Omaha, NE 68110

OLS CAG Members Present:

Rebecca Barrientos-Patlan—*Burlington Road Neighborhood Association*
Sue Casteel—*Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry*
Brenda Council—*OLS CAG Facilitator*
Todd Davis—*Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality*
Jonah Deppe—*League of Women Voters*
Jim Dowding (Designee for Gary Gernandt and Frank Brown)—*City Council Staff*
Kara Eastman—*Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance*
Bob Feild—*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
Nick Flattery—*OneWorld Health Center*
Jeff McDermott—*Union Pacific Railroad*
Dr. Adi Pour—*Douglas County Health Department*
Mia Price—*Charles Drew Health Center*
Vicki Quaites-Ferris—*City of Omaha Mayor's Office*
Crystal Rhoades—*Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha*
Chris Rodgers—*Douglas County Board of Directors*
Marian Todd—*City of Omaha Planning Department*
Rebecca Valdez—*Latino Center of the Midlands*
Diane Ward—*Creighton Pediatrics*
Vernon Waldren—*University of Nebraska, Lincoln Extension*
Cheryl Weston—*Lead Safe Omaha Coalition*

Others Present:

Mary Castaneda—*EPA Information Offices*
Lelia Coyne—*Citizen*
Connie Determan—*MFG, Inc.*
Felisa Dillon—*ASW Associates*
Tiffany Frezell—*EPA Information Offices*
Tina Gray-Ventry—*Lead Safe Omaha Coalition*
Tom Janssen—*Senator Chuck Hagel's Office*
Debbie Kring—*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
Lori Laster—*MFG, Inc.*
Diane Luna—*Burlington Road Neighborhood Association*
Stacy Meacham—*MFG, Inc.*
Heath Mello—*Senator Ben Nelson's Office*

Holly Miller—*Citizen*
Jeremy Nordquist—*State Senator John Synowiecki's Office*
Zennobia Parham—*Lead Safe Omaha Coalition*
Jennifer Rawley—*MFG, Inc.*
Shelly Rodriguez—*Office of Minority Health*
Steve Sanders—*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
Che Thompson—*Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance*

1. Voting Restrictions

Ms. Weston asked to address her voting status before voting on the minutes. Mr. Waldren stated that the CAG had talked about the topic of voting restrictions at previous CAG meetings. Mr. Waldren stated that the CAG was previously considering placing voting restrictions on contractors and subcontractors of EPA. Ms. Council stated that she reviewed the minutes of past CAG meetings and in past discussions, the CAG was contemplating making a distinction between grant funded entities and entities contracting with EPA.

Ms. Council stated that since the inception of the CAG, EPA contractors have been allowed to attend CAG meetings, but are not voting members. Ms. Weston stated that entities directly contracting with EPA have not been voting members, but the City, which has a cooperative agreement with EPA, is a voting member. Mr. Waldren suggested that Ms. Weston could recuse herself from certain votes. Ms. Council stated that this issue was raised because the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition is a subcontractor. Ms. Council stated that the question is if a subcontractor should be allowed to vote when a contractor is not.

Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that when she was working for ATC, an EPA subcontractor, she resigned from the CAG in order to protect the CAG's relationship with EPA. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that it is beneficial to not be involved with both entities. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that she could not represent her community if she were working for an EPA contractor. Ms. Weston pointed out that Ms. Barrientos-Patlan voluntarily stepped down from the CAG.

Ms. Weston suggested that she refrain from voting on issues that relate to her subcontracted work. Ms. Weston stated that she feels she should only have to abstain from voting from labor issues. Ms. Weston stated that she would voluntarily abstain from such issues. Ms. Weston stated that she is not going to withdraw from the subcontract because it is important and supplies the community with jobs.

Mr. Waldren stated that from a parliamentary standpoint, the CAG can choose to restrict voting rights, if the CAG wishes to do so. Ms. Council suggested requesting a legal opinion.

Dr. Pour stated that a contractor has a financial gain. Dr. Pour stated that she does not know the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition's situation, but stated that the work the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition is doing for EPA is not their primary area of business. Dr. Pour stated that everyone on the CAG is professional and capable of recusing themselves from votes where a conflict is present. Dr. Pour expressed concern at losing voting members who represent communities. Ms. Weston agreed saying that she is here as a representative of a community organization.

Ms. Weston stated that she would like to have a legal opinion on the matter and move on. Mr. Rodgers motioned to request a legal opinion on the subject. Ms. Price seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (14-0).

2. Discussion on Minutes from the August 8, 2007 Meeting

Ms. Barrientos-Patlan asked a question regarding rules of discussion. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that, at the last CAG meeting, she was cut short when asked a question about staging areas during the discussion of the minutes because of a motion on the table. Ms. Council clarified that Ms. Barrientos-Patlan was cut off because she was discussing an issue, rather than the accuracy of the minutes.

Ms. Council asked for corrections or additions to the minutes from the August 8, 2007 CAG meeting.

Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that, on page nine, the letter she distributed to the CAG is excluded from the list of handouts. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that, on page seven, she would like it added to the minutes that she stated in the meeting that Dr. Pour sent a letter reporting that the PM-10 monitor filter in South Omaha tested negative for lead.

Ms. Weston stated that in the third paragraph on page two, "...but EPA contractors and subcontractors would not" should be deleted. Ms. Weston stated that on page five, "...and that she would like to compare the results of the two surveys" should be deleted. Ms. Council stated that "Ms. Weston agreed to try to obtain the survey results" should be added to the discussion on page five.

Ms. Ward stated that on page seven, "Ms. Ward stated that Creighton University will be involved in a lead study looking at the effects of lower levels of lead on children" should read "Ms. Ward stated that Creighton University is involved in a lead study looking at the effects of lead and the association of lead with ADHD."

Ms. Eastman motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections listed above. Mr. Waldren seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (14-0).

3. EPA Update

Mr. Feild provided an update on EPA activities.

Mr. Feild commented that the finalized July CAG minutes stated that 18% of yards tested exceed EPA's current action level; however, within the extended focus area, approximately 12% of yards exceed the action level of 800 ppm and are eligible for response under the interim action.

Community Telecast Report

Mr. Feild stated that EPA is continuing to search for the final report of the community telecast grant. Mr. Feild stated that EPA has been unable to locate the file. Mr. Feild stated that further communication and coordination about the telecast should be done with Ms. Kring. Mr. Feild stated that he did not see a need to keep the community telecast on the meeting agenda of future meetings.

Percentage and Number of Local Hires

Mr. Feild stated that the percentage of local hires would be reported near the end of the performance of work for the year. Mr. Feild stated that contractors report their expenditures at the end of the performance of work. Ms. Council stated that the CAG has received such information prior to the end of contracts in previous years and asked why EPA could not provide the information this year. Mr. Feild replied that calculating the information involves adding man hours up and determining where the workers are from, which is a fair amount of work. Mr. Feild stated that, in the past, EPA has provided rough numbers, but would prefer to wait and provide final numbers this year. Mr. Feild stated that there are incentives to spend money in the focus area, including hiring local workers. Ms. Council stated that the community is sensitive to the local hiring issue. Ms. Council stated that if the contractors have failed to hire local workers and the CAG is not informed until the end of the year, there will be a missed opportunity to assist contractors in meeting local hiring objectives.

Ms. Weston asked if Mr. Feild makes visits to the sites. Mr. Feild replied that he does. Ms. Weston suggested that because Mr. Feild visits the sites, he would see if there are minority and community workers at the job sites. Mr. Feild stated that he cannot determine that by looking as he does not know where people are from. Ms. Weston stated that from the work that the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition does, she feels that there is a large percentage of local hires.

Ms. Price asked how local and minority hiring information is tracked. Mr. Feild replied that the information is not tracked. Mr. Feild explained that the contractors report expenditures to EPA at the end of the contracts. Mr. Feild stated that EPA is not involved in the hiring process. Ms. Price asked who is responsible for documenting hiring. Mr. Feild replied that it is the contractor's responsibility to report that information to EPA at the end of the year. Ms. Price stated that if there are hiring standards that an organization is trying to meet, someone in that organization must be tracking that information. Mr. Feild stated that there is not a requirement to hire local workers. Ms. Price stated that hiring locally is what the CAG is requesting and what should be promoted. Mr. Feild stated that EPA will not impose hiring rules. Mr. Feild stated that EPA provides incentives for local hiring, and that those incentives have been successful in promoting local hiring. Ms. Price asked if the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition or someone

else tracks that information. Ms. Weston replied that EPA cannot dictate additional terms after a contract has been signed, so incentives have been included in the process. Ms. Weston stated that the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition monitors various contractors. Ms. Weston explained that the monitoring is visual. Ms. Weston stated that if someone has a complaint, they come to the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition, who passes the information on to EPA. Ms. Price asked how it can be proven that workers from the community are being hired if the information is not being documented.

Mr. Rodgers stated that a company's human resource department would be tracking hiring information. Mr. Rodgers asked that EPA request a human resource report on hiring from the contractors. Mr. Feild stated that he could look into making such a request, but added that most of the soil work would be completed by the next CAG meeting. Ms. Rhoades stated that Mr. Rodgers request is reasonable and that it would be crazy to think that the contractors are not tracking this information as they need the information to prove they have met the incentive requirement, and it cannot be done retroactively. Mr. Feild stated that the contractors have records of hiring, but do not have to provide this information to EPA until the end of the contract. Mr. Feild stated that this is the way business is done. Ms. Quaites-Ferris stated that the request is valid and that it should be documented that the CAG has requested to see the information. Ms. Council reiterated that the CAG's request is for the percentage and number of local hires. Mr. Feild stated that he can request the information from the contractors, but added that it will not be a simple request. Mr. Feild stated that it is an unusual incentive and not necessarily typical information readily available in human resource reports. He explained that the incentive fee is based on the total amount of local spending, which includes equipment rentals, personnel, etc. He said it is a graduated incentive based on the percent of local expenditures in comparison to total expenditures. He said that because it is not specified in the performance work statement that the contractor provide the breakout of labor, the request is outside the contractor's scope, and they could request a claim for more money to provide such data.

Mr. Flattery stated that it feels like the CAG is butting heads with EPA. Mr. Flattery stated that the CAG wants to help the contractors to get the incentives. Mr. Flattery stated that the request is mutually beneficial and not meant to get anyone in trouble. Mr. Flattery stated that if contractors are having trouble hiring local workers, the CAG would be more than willing to assist those contractors. Mr. Feild stated that the contractors are doing everything they can to hire local workers to keep down per diem and travel costs.

Contracting

Mr. Feild stated that the number of properties to be cleaned up has been finalized for this year. Mr. Feild stated that Prudent and Coastal Environmental will each be assigned 400 properties and ECC will be assigned 200 properties. Mr. Feild stated that a total of 650 properties had been excavated so far this year. Ms. Weston asked what will happen with the properties at which the contractors have been unable to gain access. Mr. Feild replied that if access is not granted or the property is turned back for any other reason, substitute properties would be given. Ms. Weston asked if it becomes apparent that Coastal will not be able to complete all 400 of their properties, if the properties could be given to Prudent

to ensure that a total of 1,000 excavations are completed. Mr. Feild stated that using Prudent is an option, but EPA believes that Coastal will complete their 400 properties.

Number of Excavated Vacant Lots

Mr. Feild reported that, according to the Douglas County assessor's office, a total of 35 vacant lots have been excavated. He stated that this is the total number of vacant lots excavated, and not just those excavated this year.

Public Information Center Phone Numbers

Mr. Feild stated that the North Omaha EPA Public Information Center phone number was excluded from certain information sheets for simplicity because both number can be called, and the call will roll over to the phone that is active at that time. Ms. Weston stated that her concern is that only listing the one number creates a perception that there is only one office because it is a South Omaha phone number. Mr. Feild stated that EPA would list both phone numbers in the future.

Ms. Eastman stated that the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance (OHKA) created a hotline so there would be one easy number to access all lead information in Omaha. Ms. Eastman stated that it is disappointing that OHKA is the only organization utilizing the number. Ms. Eastman stated that she does not know why other organizations are not using the number. Ms. Weston stated that the point is that Omaha wanted two Public Information Centers, so those phone numbers should be listed. Ms. Weston stated that the hotline could be listed in addition to the other two phone numbers. Mr. Feild stated that EPA wants to provide its own numbers to answer questions about EPA's program. Ms. Eastman explained that the Omaha lead hotline connects to EPA and was created in response to a request of the CAG's from years ago. Ms. Eastman stated that the hotline was created to make finding information easy for the community by listing one phone number that directs callers to each entity. Mr. Feild stated that a limited number of people want to talk with EPA, and EPA prefers that those callers directly contact EPA.

Ms. Kring stated that EPA just lists the EPA phone numbers when providing information that is specific to what EPA is doing. Ms. Kring stated that if community-driven information about partnerships is provided, EPA could list the hotline.

Mr. Feild stated that if residents have issues with a contractor, their first point of contact should be the contractor, not EPA. Mr. Feild added that he was not saying that residents should not call EPA. He stated that all calls to EPA are logged and tracked until they are resolved, but when things can be easily resolved by the contractor, they are typically handled directly and not raised to EPA.

Draft Paint Stabilization Fact Sheet

Mr. Feild stated that he brought copies of EPA's final paint stabilization fact sheet to the meeting. Mr. Feild stated that the fact sheet is not intended to provide general information about lead paint hazards, but, rather, is specifically targeted for residents and homeowners where EPA will be performing paint assessments and, through the City, paint stabilization. Mr. Feild stated that the fact sheet is intended only for homes that are

eligible for soil removal. He stated that the fact sheet is final, but EPA could modify it if needed based on comments.

Dr. Pour asked if EPA has established criteria for the paint stabilization program yet. Mr. Feild replied that EPA has not yet established the criteria, and does not expect to provide the criteria until the final Record of Decision is released in December of 2008. Mr. Feild stated that EPA currently performs a calculation to rank the severity of the lead paint problem based on the lead content and condition (square footage in poor condition) and how much lead could fall to the ground. Mr. Feild stated that properties are prioritized according to where kids under seven reside, then by severity, and then by severity where no kids reside. Dr. Pour asked if EPA is using the calculated criteria at this time. Ms. Todd replied that EPA performs the calculations and the City uses those results. Ms. Council asked if EPA's contractor, who performs the paint assessments, determines which properties get referred to the City for paint stabilization. Mr. Feild replied that an EPA subcontractor performs the paint assessments and does a mathematical exercise to determine the total mass of lead in deteriorating surfaces at a property. Mr. Feild stated that EPA then lists which of those homes are known to have children under age seven, and provides the list to the City. Mr. Feild stated that it is up to the City to decide which homes to work on. Mr. Feild stated that the properties are also split into four geographical areas, north and south of Dodge St. and east and west of 25th St.

Ms. Council asked if the City could theoretically send a contractor out to a home at the bottom of EPA's list. Ms. Todd replied that Ms. Council is correct, but that the City would not start at the bottom of the list. Ms. Todd stated that at this time, the City is doing work on a trial number of homes selected from the four quadrants. Ms. Council asked if, when the program is ramped up, anything prevents the City from doing every home on EPA's list. Ms. Todd replied that there is no cutoff point.

Dr. Pour asked how many paint assessments EPA has completed. Mr. Feild replied that EPA completed 1,775 paint assessments last year. Mr. Feild stated that EPA has been holding off on performing paint assessments this year until the fact sheet was finalized.

Recontamination Study

Mr. Feild reported that EPA is still working on the recontamination work plan and it will be shared with the CAG when it is available. He said he does not have an expected date yet.

Breakdown of Total Number of Properties Sampled

Mr. Feild referred to a handout provided summarizing the number of properties sampled in North and South Omaha. He stated that EPA is only interested in residential properties so that is all that is reported. Mr. Feild also noted that EPA is addressing properties outside the new focus area boundaries if a problem is found.

Ms. Council asked what drives sampling outside of EPA's focus area. Mr. Feild replied that EPA characterizes a site by taking samples over a broad area, including outside of the boundary. Ms. Council asked if those samples were taken before the boundary was

set. Mr. Feild replied that Ms. Council was correct and that data from those properties is used to establish the boundaries of the site, so there are always samples from properties outside the final boundary line.

Dr. Pour stated that it is interesting that more properties need to be sampled in South Omaha than in other parts of the site. Dr. Pour stated that South Omaha is also the area where it has been most difficult for EPA to gain access to properties. Mr. Feild stated that there are a lot of barriers to gaining access to those properties. Mr. Feild stated that EPA had a meeting recently to involve local organizations in gaining access. Mr. Feild stated that Black & Veatch has released a request for proposal for local community groups to assist in gaining access to properties. Mr. Feild stated that Black & Veatch will award two or three subcontracts in different geographical areas.

Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that landlords are presenting a problem with access in South Omaha. Mr. Feild stated that EPA has the authority to enter properties without signed access, but at this point would like voluntary access. Mr. Feild stated that landlords need to understand that EPA is serious about sampling every yard.

Ms. Quaites-Ferris asked if EPA has the addresses where access has been denied. Mr. Feild replied that there are thousands of homes where EPA has been unable to gain access, and EPA cannot identify which homes are rentals. Ms. Council suggested that a letter from the Mayor may provide an incentive for homeowners to grant access.

Omaha Zoo

Mr. Feild addressed the issue of sampling at the Omaha Zoo. Mr. Feild stated that the zoo is on land that was formerly Riverview Park. Mr. Feild stated that the area is entirely fenced off and the zoo is not a park-like area; therefore, EPA does not view the zoo as a residential property. Mr. Feild stated that limited exposure could occur at the zoo, and EPA would not expect to find contamination because the soil at the zoo has been heavily manipulated. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan disagreed, saying that she recalls soil being brought into the zoo and would like to know where that soil came from. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that families picnic at the zoo, so the zoo should be sampled. Mr. Davis stated that he can see Ms. Barrientos-Patlan's point, but that EPA looks at long-term daily exposure. Mr. Feild stated that, unless exceptionally high levels of lead are found in the soil at the zoo, he would not anticipate a problem. Mr. Feild stated that EPA could sample the zoo. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan motioned to request that the zoo be sampled. Ms. Deppe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (12-0).

Other Discussion Items

Ms. Barrientos-Patlan asked that EPA reconsider placement of the North Omaha staging area. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that the current staging area is very close to a school. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan asked that EPA reconsider locating the staging area away from children, as was done in South Omaha. Mr. Feild stated that EPA must consider truck traffic, and that in regards to truck traffic, it is better to have the staging area placed in the neighborhood where yards are being replaced rather than transporting the contaminated soil across town, increasing risk and expense. Mr. Feild stated that it is ultimately up to

the contractor to choose the staging area site and approves the site if EPA agrees that appropriate community participation has occurred. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan asked if the dirt piles are watered and covered with tarps. Mr. Feild replied that contaminated piles have to be covered. Mr. Feild stated that a spray-on soil stabilizer is being utilized in South Omaha, rather than using a tarp. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan stated that she does not want the North Omaha staging area to set precedence for other staging areas to be placed in neighborhoods.

Ms. Deppe asked how long it would take for EPA to sample the zoo. Mr. Feild replied that EPA could possibly do soil testing this week if there are no problems with access.

Ms. Deppe asked what the average cost per yard is to replace yard soil. Mr. Feild replied that the average cost is \$15,000 per yard.

4. Sisters Together Take It to the Streets Survey

Ms. Deppe provided a summary sheet of the Take It to the Streets data by zip code. Ms. Deppe stated that she did not perform a statistical analysis of the data, but could.

Ms. Deppe stated that when looking at the data by zip code, there are residents who were included in the survey that were outside of the original Superfund boundaries, but are now within the extended boundaries. Ms. Deppe stated that zip code 68104 was included because it is included in the Weed and Seed program.

Ms. Deppe stated that she does not know if the data is a statistically valid sample, because that was not looked at as part of the survey.

Ms. Deppe stated that the data shows the type of education that is needed. Ms. Deppe stated that education needs to be ongoing because of new children being born. Ms. Deppe stated that residents need to understand that Superfund activities are occurring.

Ms. Deppe stated that she will compare the results to the South Omaha survey results and report back to the CAG.

Ms. Todd stated that the data shows that people without children have a higher level of knowledge about lead.

Ms. Council stated that the survey presents an opportunity for the Education Committee to develop strategies. Mr. Waldren stated that the committee began discussing the survey at the committee meeting held yesterday.

5. Education Committee Update

Mr. Waldren reported the recent activities of the Education Committee. Mr. Waldren stated that three work groups have been established (Child Education Development,

Awareness and Promotion, and Healthy Homes) and met yesterday. Mr. Waldren stated that goals have been set for each workgroup.

Mr. Waldren stated that Mr. Rick Reibstein will be coming to Omaha in October. Mr. Waldren stated that block party workshops are being planned along with neighborhood associations to teach residents about landscaping. Mr. Waldren stated that Ms. Eastman and Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy were on the radio talking about lead.

Ms. Weston asked what the Douglas County Health Department community outreach workers do. Ms. Weston asked if the health department could present on this. Ms. Council stated that Dr. Pour would be contacted to ask if someone could be present at the next CAG meeting to talk about the community outreach workers.

Mr. Waldren stated that in going back through the minutes, he learned that the Comprehensive Plan Committee was officially moved under OHKA after a vote by the CAG. Mr. Waldren stated that the CAG has not voted to move the Education Committee under OHKA. Mr. Waldren motioned to move the Education Committee under OHKA. Ms. Deppe seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with Ms. Weston abstaining (12-0-1).

6. OHKA Update

Ms. Eastman provided an update on OHKA activities.

Ms. Eastman stated that there has been a lot of press about lead in toys. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA has appeared in newspaper articles and on the radio. Ms. Eastman reported that China has signed a pact to stop exporting playthings with lead. Ms. Eastman stated that toys with lead will still exist in the country. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA has done two toy screening events and is planning more. Ms. Eastman stated that at the most recent event in South Omaha, one toy per household contained lead, including a teething rattle. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA wants to make sure that consistent recommendations for toys are given to the community. Ms. Eastman stated that links to information regarding toys are provided on the OHKA website.

Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA is working with the City to look at corporate sponsorship for do-it-yourself remodelers.

Ms. Eastman stated that she met with Legal Aid of Nebraska, who is applying for a grant to write a booklet for Omaha.

Ms. Eastman stated that she and some OHKA board members are traveling to Chicago next week to learn about the lead programs there.

Ms. Coyne asked what criteria for lead in toys OHKA is using when they test toys. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA provides the actual level of lead in the toy and the criteria used in California and other places. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA contends that there

is no safe level of lead. Ms Eastman stated that most parents leave the toys with OHKA. Ms. Eastman stated that the testing machine gives an exact number of the amount of lead in the toy. Ms. Ward asked if OHKA is recommending a lead test for children. Ms. Eastman replied that OHKA is absolutely recommending blood lead tests. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan asked if OHKA is considering writing a letter to the Consumer Product Safety Commission with the results of the toy testing or if OHKA will send the information to the press. Ms. Eastman replied that OHKA is determining a strategy and will let the CAG know as the strategy develops. Ms. Eastman stated that a lot of the toys with lead do not have manufacturer information on them.

Ms. Coyne expressed concern that priorities are being skewed towards toys, although paint is the main concern. Ms. Price stated that awareness of lead in toys is important. Ms. Price stated that the toy issue is not being compared to other sources, it is just information. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA's main concern is primary prevention in homes, but OHKA cares about all sources of lead.

Housing Committee Update

Ms. Todd provided an update on the Housing Committee. Ms. Todd stated that the next Housing Committee meeting will be in October, and asked if anyone would like to be added to the meeting list. Ms. Todd stated that the committee intends to meet every other month. Ms. Todd stated that the committee is dealing with housing in a variety of ways, including coordination, regulatory issues, resources, and more.

Ms. Weston and Ms. Coyne asked to be added to the committee email list.

7. City Update

Ms. Todd provided an update on City of Omaha activities. Ms. Todd stated that there has been an increase in referrals and contacts for the lead hazard control program. Ms. Todd stated that she has individuals who are interested in providing lead safety training in Spanish. Ms. Todd stated that she is working to develop a training plan to complete training of the trainers this year.

8. LSOC Update

Ms. Weston did not have anything to report.

9. NDEQ Update

Mr. Davis stated that the Nebraska Environmental Trust toured the Omaha Lead Site on August 21, 2007. Mr. Davis thanked EPA for their assistance with the tour.

10. Other Agency Updates

Mr. Feild stated that he had received a preliminary report late in the meeting about the percent of local hires. Mr. Feild stated that Prudent reports that 97 of 102 of their workers are local hires.

Ms. Council stated that the next CAG meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007. The location is to be announced.

Handouts Provided for the Meeting (September 12, 2007):

Draft CAG Meeting Minutes from 08/08/07

Final CAG Meeting Minutes from 7/11/07

Letter from EPA Dated 08/17/07

Letter to Rebecca Patlan Dated 08/01/07 (Provided by Rebecca Barrientos-Patlan)

EPA's Efforts Ignore Its Own Policy on Lead (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Company Had Record of Lead in Toys (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

U.S. Panel Sets Sept 19 Hearing on Lead (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

China Lead Paint Crisis Spreads to Commercial Sector (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

The Pernicious Allure of Lead (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

More D.C. Landlords Sued Over Lead Paint (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Some Baby Bibs Said to Contain Levels of Lead (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Consumer Product Safety Commission Wants Lead Out of Kids Products (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Chinese Officials to Visit U.S. for Safety Talks (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

China's Lead Problems Go Beyond Toys (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Toy Industry Challenged by Disposal Plan (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Innovative Strategy Leverages Private Funds to Protect Kids (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Why Do Thy Put Lead Paint in Toys? (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Bid to Root Out Lead Trinkets Falters in U.S. (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Sisters Together Take It to the Streets Project Final Report (Provided by Sisters Together)

A Guide to Housing Rehabilitation Programs for the Omaha Metropolitan Area (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Second Draft Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards Risk Assessment for Public Review (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

News from CPSC (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

Senator Obama and Rep. Slaughter Introduce Legislation (Provided by MFG, Inc.)

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Attachments to Minutes:

Sign-In Sheet (hardcopy to be delivered)

EPA Update Sheet (hardcopy to be delivered)