

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

for the

Omaha Lead Site

Comprehensive Plan/Grants Committee
Minutes from March 27, 2006 Meeting
Urban League of Nebraska Family Resource Center

Brenda Council (CAG Facilitator), Jonah Deppe (League of Women Voters), Connie Determan (MFG, Inc.), Mary Hill (Sisters Together), Jennifer Rawley (MFG, Inc.), Reid Steinkraus (Douglas County Health Department), Che Thompson (Lead Safe Omaha Coalition), Marian Todd (City of Omaha Planning Department), Vernon Waldren (Douglas/Sarpy County Extension) and Cheryl Weston (Lead Safe Omaha Coalition) were in attendance.

The Committee recommended changes to the draft comprehensive plan matrix as follows:

- 1) Change 10 µg/dL to 15 µg/dL when referring to the Douglas County Health Department's (DCHD) case management program.
- 2) Add EPA as identifying lead in soil concentrations.
- 3) Add that the City performs risk assessments on qualifying homes targeted at homes with children.
- 4) Add that DCHD may conduct soil tests outside of the OLS, if requested.
- 5) Create an additional column to distinguish current and proposed services.
- 6) Move number and types of cases of lead exposure to evaluation/impacts.
- 7) Change "number and types of cases" to "number and types of sources" identified.
- 8) Change "other sources" to "lead sources."
- 9) Add DCHD's requirement for interim controls to reduce exposure to paint, dust, and all sources.
- 10) Add Brush-Up Nebraska to current programming.
- 11) Add special appropriation to proposed services, with intent to assist a range of income levels.
- 12) Add MUD to identifying sources.
- 13) Add coordination to implementation steps, including coordination between the City and EPA, etc.
- 14) Add providing risk assessments to proposed services.
- 15) Add self-testing kits.
- 16) Move housing assessment to identify extent.
- 17) Add County extension demonstration homes and landscaping.
- 18) Add proposed dripzone program.
- 19) Add historical review to current City activities.

The Committee discussed the need for a demographic survey. Ms. Council stated that a study has not been conducted to identify sources. Ms. Determan stated that a demographic study could be conducted to identify other sources of lead, such as occupational sources. Ms. Todd asked if the study would include a survey of lifestyle and indoor physical assessment. Ms. Determan replied that the study would include a survey of lifestyle and indoor physical assessment. Mr. Waldren asked if a demographic study would determine needs or accomplishments. Ms. Council suggested that a bigger picture of needs is needed. Mr. Steinkraus suggested that the survey would need to be door-to-door to be successful. Ms. Council suggested that Dr. Rajaram might be able to assist in the design of the survey. Ms. Weston suggested that local volunteers from local organizations could be hired to perform the survey.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Resource Center, located at 3040 Lake Street.