

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

Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee
Summary Notes from April 7, 2005 Meeting
Urban League of Nebraska Family Resource Center

Todd Davis (Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality), Jonah Deppe (League of Women Voters), Bob Feild (EPA), Mary Hill (Sisters Together), Jennifer Rawley (MFG, Inc.), Steve Sanders (EPA), Vernon Waldren (Douglas/Sarpy Extension), and Cheryl Weston (Lead Safe Omaha Coalition) were in attendance.

Ms. Deppe stated that she had intended for the Subcommittee to break into work groups, but due to low attendance, the Subcommittee would be unable to do so.

The Subcommittee briefly discussed the table of comprehensive plan components provided by Ms. Deppe. Mr. Feild provided clarification on elements of EPA's Interim Record of Decision. Ms. Weston requested that a column with involved community organizations be added to the table. Ms. Weston stated that she would provide Ms. Deppe with a copy of the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition's strategic plan.

Ms. Deppe stated that the current City nuisance code related to paint is not strong enough to address lead-based paint concerns. Ms. Deppe suggested that the Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee work with Mr. Reid Steinkraus of the Douglas County Health Department to propose stricter codes relating to lead-based paint. Mr. Feild stated that EPA might be able to assist in enforcing City codes, if it is considered protective of EPA's remedy. Mr. Feild stated that EPA could enter into a cooperative agreement with the City to accomplish this. Ms. Weston stated that mechanisms would need to be in place to provide for families that could not afford the required repairs.

Mr. Feild stated that EPA is looking into ways to identify properties that did not participate in EPA's cleanup. Mr. Feild stated that EPA prefers for all qualifying properties to participate. For those properties that do not participate, EPA may assign deed restrictions to the property via State law.

Ms. Deppe asked Mr. Feild about homes which have been excavated, but where exterior lead-based paint has not been addressed. Ms. Deppe expressed concern that those properties would be recontaminated by lead-based paint. Mr. Feild stated that EPA would have to address those properties.

Mr. Feild stated that EPA would only stabilize exterior lead-based paint once at a property. Mr. Feild stated that after the one time stabilization, EPA would consider the remedy complete and will not maintain the stabilization.

Ms. Deppe suggested looking at Michigan's lead plan as an example for introducing State level policy.

The next Subcommittee meeting will be held on May 12, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Family Resource Center, located at 3040 Lake Street.