

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

for the

Omaha Lead Site

Comprehensive Plan Committee
Minutes from April 11, 2006 Meeting
Urban League of Nebraska Family Resource Center

Brenda Council (CAG Facilitator), Lelia Coyne (citizen), Todd Davis (NDEQ), Jonah Deppe (League of Women Voters), Connie Determan (MFG, Inc.), Dr. Shireen Rajaram (UNO), Jennifer Rawley (MFG, Inc.), Che Thompson (Lead Safe Omaha Coalition), and Marian Todd (City of Omaha Planning Department) were in attendance.

The Committee discussed the comprehensive plan matrix.

The Committee began by discussing a proposed demographic study. Dr. Rajaram stated that data could be gathered to show what activities are effective. Dr. Rajaram also stated that college students could assist with data entry. Ms. Todd expressed interest in combining EPA's exterior paint data with Douglas County Healthy Department data.

Ms. Coyne expressed concern regarding the use of self-test kits. Ms. Determan explained that the kits referred to in the matrix are not home lead-based paint test kits, but rather kits containing supplies for a resident to collect samples and then send on to a laboratory. Ms. Determan explained that the kits were suggested by Dr. Bob Bornschein and have been tested and approved by EPA. Ms. Deppe suggested training community workers to collect the samples.

Ms. Todd suggested thinking about creating a lead-safe housing registry. Ms. Deppe stated that such a registry would have to be maintained. Ms. Todd stated that Mr. Rick Riebstein has some familiarity with housing registries. Ms. Todd also suggested adding remodelers that have completed one-day training to the registry of certified remodelers.

Dr. Rajaram asked if landlords have to register anywhere. Ms. Council stated that landlords do not have to register for anything.

Dr. Rajaram stated that the collection of paired data (blood lead data coupled with lead-based paint and other data) would be very helpful.

Dr. Rajaram agreed to invite Family Housing Advisory Services and South Omaha Housing Advisory Services to participate on the Committee. Ms. Deppe agreed to contact Holy Name Housing Corporation to participate on the Committee. Dr. Rajaram also agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of the Orchard Hill study.

The Committee agreed to make the following changes to the matrix:

- 1) Changes provided by Dr. Adi Pour
- 2) Add case management for kids with blood lead levels between 10 and 15 µg/dL
- 3) Clarify that self-test kits are EPA approved
- 4) Change “Budget” to “Resources” and indicate current resources versus needed resources
- 5) Move City’s lead hazard control program accomplishments to “Reduce exposure to lead in paint.”
- 6) Add housing condition study
- 7) Add exposure (blood lead) study
- 8) Add registry of one-day trained remodelers

The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Resource Center, located at 3040 Lake Street.