

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

**Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee  
Summary Notes from August 9, 2005 Meeting  
Urban League of Nebraska Family Resource Center**

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Tanya Cook (Governor's Omaha Advisory Council for Lead Safe Neighborhoods), Lelia Coyne (citizen), Jonah Deppe (League of Women Voters), Connie Determan (MFG, Inc.), Mary Hill (Sisters Together), Jennifer Rawley (MFG, Inc.), and Vernon Waldren (Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office) were in attendance.

The Subcommittee reviewed the structure of a 501(c)(3), proposed at the previous Subcommittee meeting, consisting of the following nine-member governing body:

1. Mayor or Representative
2. Douglas County Health Department Director or Representative
3. Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Director or Representative
4. Potentially Responsible Party Representative
5. Business Community Member
6. Philanthropic Community Member
7. Community-Based Organization Representative
8. Citizen at Large (resident of the Omaha Lead Site)
9. Citizen at Large (parent residing in the Omaha Lead Site)

Ms. Coyne and Ms. Hill voiced concerns regarding reducing the number of citizens at large as originally recommended in the Comprehensive Plan from four to two. Ms. Hill recommended that additional citizens at large be added to the governing body to represent North and South Omaha, in order to gain more community input. Mr. Waldren stated that community input has been gathered over the last two years through the efforts of the CAG. Mr. Waldren suggested that the nine-member board remain the same. Ms. Hill stated that the CAG does not listen to the community.

Ms. Coyne recommended stating that the governing body "could" (instead of "would") consist of the recommended members.

Ms. Deppe stated that the Community-Based Organization and Business Community members would likely be from the Omaha Lead Site community. Ms. Hill stated that the governing body should include four laymen who are unconnected to the business community.

Mr. Waldren and Ms. Cook suggested submitting the recommendations as is to the full CAG for discussion.

Ms. Determan suggested that the Subcommittee take on the selection of a name for the Comprehensive Program.

The Subcommittee agreed to present the following recommendation for a governing body to the CAG at the next full CAG meeting:

*Recommend that the CAG establish an Omaha Lead Site Alliance as indicated in the OLS CAG Comprehensive Plan—this would be a two-tier structure with a governing body and collaborating partners. The governing body would write by-laws, be responsible for funding and budgeting funds, set program priorities, and other governing tasks including hiring the OLS Coordinator to implement the comprehensive plan with community partners.*

*The governing body could consist of the following members:*

1. *Mayor or Representative*
2. *Douglas County Health Department Director or Representative*
3. *Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Director or Representative*
4. *Potentially Responsible Party Representative*
5. *Business Community Member*
6. *Philanthropic Community Member*
7. *Community-Based Organization Representative*
8. *Citizen at Large (resident of the Omaha Lead Site)*
9. *Citizen at Large (parent of a child with an elevated blood lead level residing in the Omaha Lead Site)*

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The Subcommittee also agreed to submit a recommendation to the CAG for a letter to be sent to the Mayor regarding lead based paint in Section 48.19 of the city property management codes.

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The next Subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Family Resource Center, located at 3040 Lake Street.