

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

for the

Omaha Lead Site

Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee
Summary Notes from October 8, 2004 Meeting
Douglas County Health Department

Tanya Cook (Governor's Omaha Advisory Council for Lead Safe Neighborhoods), Brenda Council (CAG Facilitator), Todd Davis (NDEQ), Jonah Deppe (League of Women Voters), Stacy Meacham (MFG, Inc.), Dr. Adi Pour (Douglas County Health Department), Jennifer Rawley (MFG, Inc.), Reid Steinkraus (Douglas County Health Department), Marian Todd (City of Omaha), Vernon Waldren (Douglas/Sarpy Extension), and Cheryl Weston (Lead Safe Omaha Coalition) were in attendance.

The Subcommittee discussed the purpose of the comprehensive plan and if the plan should be submitted to EPA with the recommendation that EPA select the comprehensive plan as the remedy for the Omaha Lead Site. Subcommittee members agreed that the comprehensive plan is the best way to address the lead problem and should, therefore, be submitted to EPA as the CAG's recommended remedy. The Subcommittee also agreed that if EPA does not select the comprehensive plan as the site remedy, the comprehensive plan should still be implemented and utilized as a community plan for coordination.

The Subcommittee then discussed specific text of the draft comprehensive plan. Dr. Pour suggested including text regarding EPA's prioritization of soil removals, stating that she was concerned about weakening the soil element of the plan. Other revisions included:

1. Referencing the studies mentioned in the introduction;
2. Ensuring language is consistent with the education plan;
3. Stating that case management will be handled by the Douglas County Health Department for children with blood lead levels greater than or equal to 10 µg/dL;
4. Stating that the Douglas County Health Department should be consulted to ensure content consistency in public awareness and educational materials;
5. Adding a section about addressing the dripzone;
6. Stating that the alliance may be affiliated with an existing non-profit agency [501(3)(c)] or be a newly established non-profit agency;
7. Stating that the membership of the alliance will reflect the cultural diversity of the Omaha Lead Site and consist of at least 9 members and up to 11 members; and
8. Expanding the list of potential funding sources to include community foundations, corporate sponsors, HUD, etc.

The Subcommittee agreed to define the purpose and intent of the comprehensive plan as follows:

The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to provide comprehensive approach to address all sources of childhood lead poisoning. The intent of the comprehensive plan is for the comprehensive plan to be submitted by the CAG to EPA with the recommendation that EPA select the comprehensive plan as the remedy for the Omaha Lead Site.

Subcommittee members also discussed how generic or specific the comprehensive plan should be. Concern was raised regarding the unmatched level of detail in the education plan. Subcommittee members discussed whether the education plan should be included in the text of the comprehensive plan, included as an appendix, or maintained as a separate work plan (unattached to the comprehensive plan). The Subcommittee decided not to include the education plan in the comprehensive plan, although consideration could be given to including the plan as an appendix. The Subcommittee requested that the Education Subcommittee review the language in the comprehensive plan related to the education plan.

Ms. Deppe agreed to make the discussed changes and send a revised copy of the comprehensive plan to MFG, Inc. for formatting and distribution on Monday, October 11, 2004. The comprehensive plan Subcommittee agreed to submit the Comprehensive Plan to the CAG with a recommendation for submission to EPA as the preferred alternative at the CAG meeting on October 13, 2004.