

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

for the

Omaha Lead Site

Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee
Summary Notes from November 8, 2005 Meeting
Urban League of Nebraska Family Resource Center

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

The Subcommittee began by discussing EPA's Technical Assistance Grant. Ms. Deppe reported that she had learned that the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition had received the TAG from EPA. Ms. Deppe asked Ms. Weston at what amount the grant was funded. Ms. Weston replied that the grant is for \$50,000 over three years. Ms. Weston stated that the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition is soliciting bids for a technical advisor and will be meeting with EPA in the near future to clarify use of the grant funding.

The Subcommittee discussed the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance (OHKA). Ms. Deppe asked how all the various entities involved with lead will fit together. Ms. Council explained that the purpose of OHKA is coordination and collaboration of all entities, just as outlined in the CAG's Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Weston added that everyone involved will be at the table and will be able to identify what is being done compared to what needs to be done. Ms. Council stated that OHKA would help to seek funds and assistance to continue and expand efforts to reduce childhood lead poisoning.

Ms. Weston asked if individuals in the community would be members of OHKA. Ms. Council stated that community involvement would occur through the committees of OHKA, which will each be chaired by a board member. Ms. Deppe stated that she had envisioned a general membership. Ms. Todd suggested that membership would not provide any additional input into the process. Ms. Council stated that there would also be communication occurring between the committees and the CAG.

Ms. Weston stated that there had been confusion about the purpose of OHKA, but that it was now clear to her. Ms. Weston stated that the purpose of OHKA is to provide funding and coordination to existing groups and agencies.

The Subcommittee agreed upon a schematic flowchart depicting communication between OHKA and the CAG. The Subcommittee agreed to present the flowchart to the full CAG for consideration.

The Subcommittee also discussed a recent Omaha World-Herald article regarding OHKA. Ms. Weston suggested that a follow-up article is needed to clarify to the community the many opportunities for public involvement in OHKA.

Ms. Council suggested drafting a document comparing the CAG's Comprehensive Plan to the proposed OHKA purpose and structure. MFG agreed to draft a comparison document.

The next Subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Resource Center, located at 3040 Lake Street.