

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

for the

Omaha Lead Site

Education Subcommittee

Summary Notes from May 12, 2005 Meeting Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office

The following people were in attendance at the Education Subcommittee meeting:

Name	Affiliation
Brenda Council	OLS CAG Facilitator
Lelia Coyne	Citizen
Trenton Erickson	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Todd Falter	Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Jennifer Rawley	MFG, Inc.
Rebecca Valdez	Chicano Awareness Center
Jose Villejes	Chicano Awareness Center
Vernon Waldren	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Rachel Wright	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension

Mr. Waldren stated that he will formally request for EPA to develop maps specifying whether residential properties are single or multiple units, and owner or renter occupied. Ms. Valdez asked Mr. Waldren to also request maps depicting South Omaha residences, specifically showing where access has been denied.

Ms. Valdez reported that the Chicano Awareness Center, using a small grant from EPA, will be going door-to-door, providing lead education to South Omaha residents.

Mr. Erickson reported that a home, which could potentially be used for a landscaping demonstration home, has been identified in South Omaha. Mr. Erickson provided copies of a landscaping presentation and described the educational program. Ms. Wright stated that assistance is needed with Spanish translation. Mr. Villegas offered to assist with translation needs.

Mr. Waldren stated that the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension is working on creating a workshop for realtors and envisions realtors distributing the Extension's educational lead CD-ROMs to buyers. Ms. Valdez stated that she would like to find a way to get information to the buyers before a purchase is made, perhaps through a required training session for potential buyers. Ms. Council stated an incentive does not exist for a seller's agent to require a buyer to go through lead training. Mr. Waldren suggested influencing bankers to prevent lending until a home is shown to be lead-safe, similar to how well testing is required by lenders. Mr. Falter suggested involving the Nebraska Bankers Association.

Ms. Wright discussed the Extension's CD-ROM and growth chart. Ms. Wright stated that the CD-ROM and growth chart are being distributed by Alegent, Nebraska Health System, and Creighton Medical Center. Ms. Council suggested contacting community health centers for additional distribution. Mr. Falter suggested distributing the growth charts to daycares, noting that daycare providers have shown interest in the charts.

Mr. Falter discussed America's Youth Passports. Mr. Falter reported that almost no information pertaining to lead is included in the passports; however, new passports will be printed with the last page devoted to lead education. In the interim, stickers with lead information will be placed in the passports.

Mr. Waldren reported that he contacted the Land Revitalization Committee to identify possible demonstration homes. Mr. Waldren stated that a home has not yet been located; however, a potential home in Benson was identified.

Mr. Waldren also reported that Home Depot has declined the Extension's offer to provide lead-safe remodeling training at Home Depot. The Extension will contact Lowe's next.

Mr. Waldren stated that he would be meeting with Ms. Katy Spellerberg of MFG, Inc. to discuss potential grant opportunities. Mr. Waldren asked to be informed of any potential grant opportunities.

Mr. Waldren suggested drafting a proposal of an education plan for EPA, knowing the EPA would be taking the lead on work in the near future.

The following list of Action Items resulted from the meeting:

- 1) EPA will develop maps that specify if residential properties are single or multiple units, and owner or renter occupied.
- 2) Mr. Waldren will request EPA to develop maps of South Omaha, specifically showing residences where access has been denied.
- 3) Ms. Council will invite HUD to the next Education Subcommittee meeting.
- 4) Ms. Council will contact the director of Head Start to request their involvement.
- 5) Ms. Council will contact Educare to request their involvement.

The next Education Subcommittee meeting will be held on June 9, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office located at 8015 W. Center Road.