

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

Education Subcommittee
Summary Notes from June 9, 2005 Meeting
Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office

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

Name	Affiliation
Sue Casteel	ATSDR
Lelia Coyne	Citizen
Patty Falcone	Douglas County Health Department (DCHD)
Nick Flattery	OneWorld Community Health Center
Kathy Leinenkugel	DCHD
Katy Spellerberg	MFG, Inc.
Joyce Stevens	City of Omaha
Jose Villegas	Chicano Awareness Center
Vernon Waldren	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Cammy Watkins	Sierra Club
Rachel Wright	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension

The following list of Action Items resulted from the meeting:

Mr. Waldren announced that he, Ms. Council, and Ms. Spellerberg met with the Omaha Community Foundation (OCF) to discuss grant opportunities for funding the Education Program for the Omaha Lead Site (OLS). Mr. Waldren stated that OCF asked the Education Subcommittee to develop a PowerPoint presentation that could be presented to potential grantors. Mr. Waldren asked the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) for pictures or other materials that could be included in the presentation. A letter to OCF from Mr. Waldren and an updated Education Program matrix that was presented to OCF was distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Waldren asked DCHD for an update on their current program. Ms. Leinenkugel and Ms. Falcone explained that 23 outreach workers were continuing to make presentations at individual residences, health clinics, and other public events, and 14 billboards have been posted in the OLS. In addition, four lead screening sessions have been held. This was all part of an eight-week lead blitz conducted by DCHD. Other current programming activities that are being conducted by DCHD include the development of a new doctor's survey that explains children need blood lead testing at ages 1, 2, and 3, and distribution of fliers within the OLS by Nebraska Methodist Nursing students. DCHD expressed that they are trying to work with managed Medicaid regarding lead education.

Mr. Waldren asked DCHD what the Education Subcommittee could do to assist DCHD with their current programming. Ms. Leinenkugel and Ms. Falcone said they need education materials printed. Ms. Casteel said ATSDR could print non-copyright materials and mail them to DCHD at no cost to DCHD. Ms. Casteel said DCHD should send her materials, and she will have them reproduced.

Mr. Waldren asked Mr. Flattery what the Education Subcommittee could do to assist OneWorld Community Health Center with their current programming. Mr. Flattery said they need printed materials and people to post fliers around their service area. In addition, Mr. Flattery said that because many of their patients are transient, OneWorld needs people to locate patients who may have moved. Mr. Flattery said lead education clinics held in the past at Liberty School (25th and Leavenworth) were very successful, and OneWorld hopes to conduct more of these clinics.

Mr. Waldren asked Mr. Villegas what the Education Subcommittee could do to assist the Chicano Awareness Center with their current programming. Mr. Villegas said the Chicano Awareness Center needs lead education materials in Spanish. Ms. Leinenkugel and Ms. Casteel said they would send Mr. Villegas materials.

DCHD requested that Douglas/Sarpy County Extension develop their lead education growth chart totally in pictures for the Somali and Sudanese populations within the OLS. Mr. Waldren said he would look into this.

Mr. Waldren asked Ms. Stevens what the Education Subcommittee could do to assist the City of Omaha with their current programming. Ms. Stevens said she does not need additional materials, other than an exterior remodeling booklet.

Mr. Waldren asked Ms. Watkins what the Education Subcommittee could do to assist the Sierra Club with their current programming. Ms. Watkins said she was not sure at this point how they would be involved with public lead education, as the Sierra Club provides advocacy and talks to political representatives.

Mr. Waldren asked Ms. Wright to give an update on what Douglas/Sarpy County Extension is currently doing. Ms. Wright said the growth chart will soon be printed in Spanish, possibilities of translating the lead education CD into Spanish is being explored, and Mr. Trenton Erickson from the Extension office is conducting landscaping demonstrations.

Mr. Leinenkugel stated that EPA should develop a frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet regarding yard sampling results. Many of the DCHD outreach workers are receiving complaints about EPA test results, for example, tenants are not receiving yard-sampling results because they are the tenant and not the property owner, and property owners are not sharing the information with tenants. People have also complained that phone calls to EPA have not been returned. Ms. Casteel said she would ask Mr. Steve Sanders from EPA to find out what property owners are legally required to disclose to a tenant.

Mr. Waldren asked about the status of Masimax training in Spanish. Ms. Casteel and Ms. Leinenkugel said they would take the lead in setting up Masimax training in Spanish. They said they would need Mr. Villegas' assistance in identifying Spanish-speaking contractors. Ms. Casteel and Ms. Leinenkugel will also check with Metropolitan Community College to see if this type of training could be provided through the college.

The following is a list of action items identified during the meeting.

- 1) DCHD will provide to Mr. Waldren pictures and other materials that could be included in a presentation for potential grantors.
- 2) DCHD will send lead education materials to Ms. Casteel, who will have them reproduced and mailed to DCHD.
- 3) Ms. Casteel and Ms. Leinenkugel will send lead education materials in Spanish to Mr. Villegas.
- 4) Ms. Casteel will ask Mr. Steve Sanders from EPA about landlord disclosure requirements.
- 5) Ms. Casteel and Ms. Leinenkugel will look into setting up a Spanish-speaking training session for contractors.

The next Education Subcommittee meeting will be held on July 14, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office located at 8015 W. Center Road.