

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

Education Subcommittee
Summary Notes from July 14, 2005 Meeting
Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office

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

Name	Affiliation
Sue Casteel	ATSDR
Brenda Council	CAG Facilitator
Lelia Coyne	Citizen
Jonah Deppe	League of Women Voters
Trent Erickson	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Patty Falcone	Douglas County Health Department (DCHD)
Nick Flattery	OneWorld Community Health Center
Kathy Leinenkugel	DCHD
Youlanda Outin	ATSDR (by phone)
Jennifer Rawley	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 Education Subcommittee began the meeting by reviewing the action items from the June 9, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Waldren stated that a presentation about the CAG and Education Subcommittee had been created and that copies would be provided to anyone interested in using the presentation.

Ms. Casteel reported that black and white copies of lead education brochures were provided to the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office. Ms. Casteel stated that EPA would be coordinating with the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office to provide color copies. Ms. Wright stated that the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension office is supplying surveys to accompany the materials.

Ms. Casteel reported that EPA is required to disclose lead in soil results to tenants. Ms. Casteel stated that EPA is currently sending results to tenants and owners, assuming EPA knows if the property is a rental.

Ms. Casteel reported that Masimax will hold a Spanish-speaking training session if 25 to 30 individuals can commit to attending. Ms. Casteel stated that she is also pursuing possible local training opportunities. Ms. Council suggested coordinating with the Chicano Awareness Center and Juan Diego Center to advertise and locate interested individuals.

Ms. Council reported on meetings with representatives of the Omaha Community Foundation and Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Council stated that the meetings were very encouraging. Ms. Council stated that Mr. David Brown was contacted primarily because of his involvement with Alegent Health. Mr. Vernon stated that Mr. Brown requested costs related to the comprehensive program, such as the costs of blood lead screening and interior paint stabilization. Mr. Waldren requested the assistance of Subcommittee members in identifying these costs over the next two weeks.

Ms. Council stated that at the full CAG meeting, EPA had indicated that funding provided for education through the State's cost share could not exceed the amount budgeted for education in the Interim Record of Decision. Ms. Council asked if this information was correct. Ms. Casteel stated that she would contact EPA to clarify the matter.

Ms. Falcone reported on the activities at the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD). Ms. Falcone stated that the educational outreach program has ended. Ms. Falcone stated that 1,400 people received educational information, and 187 children were screened for lead. Ms. Falcone stated that after receiving educational information, several individuals were concerned about family members living outside of the country.

Mr. Erickson reported on the activities of the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office. Mr. Erickson stated that he is continuing to provide landscape workshops.

Ms. Thompson provided an update on the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition. Ms. Thompson stated that the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition has contracted with Headstart to provide education and an environmental newsletter to parents, in order to promote lead screening.

Ms. Stevens provided an update on the City's grant proposal. Ms. Stevens stated that the application is being processed and that the grantees should be announced this fall.

Mr. Villegas announced that the Chicano Awareness Center would be holding a health fair July 27, 2005.

Ms. Casteel stated that she would report at the next Subcommittee meeting on how ATSDR can assist with education at the Omaha Lead Site.

Ms. Watkins requested that Subcommittee members send her any compelling lead stories to forward on to Time Magazine. Ms. Council suggested submitting a story about the CAG, utilizing language from the Nebraska Industrial Council on the Environment award nomination form.

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

- 1) Ms. Casteel will coordinate with Mr. Villegas to advertise and identify individuals interested in attending a Spanish-speaking lead-safe renovation/remodeling training session.
- 2) Subcommittee members will assist in identifying costs associated with a comprehensive program, such as lead screening and educational program costs.
- 3) Ms. Casteel will contact EPA to clarify if education funding provided through the State's cost share could exceed what is budgeted in EPA's Interim Record of Decision.

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