

Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Omaha Lead Site

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

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

| Name | Affiliation |
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| Sue Casteel | ATSDR |
| Lelia Coyne | Citizen |
| Jonah Deppe | League of Women Voters |
| Trent Erickson | Douglas/Sarpy County Extension |
| Kathy Leinenkugel | Douglas County Health Department |
| Youlanda Outin | ATSDR (by phone) |
| Adi Pour | Douglas County Health Department |
| Jennifer Rawley | MFG, Inc. |
| Joyce Stevens | City of Omaha |
| Jose Villegas | Chicano Awareness Center |
| Vernon Waldren | Douglas/Sarpy County Extension |
| Rachel Wright | Douglas/Sarpy County Extension |

The Education Subcommittee began the meeting by summarizing current agency and group activities.

Mr. Villegas provided an update on activities of the Chicano Awareness Center (CAC). Mr. Villegas stated that the CAC would be assisting with translation and advertising for a landscaping demonstration.

Ms. Leinenkugel provided an update on Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) activities. Ms. Leinenkugel gave some examples of situations that are encountered during case management home visits and lead inspections, including those for Sudanese and Somali Bantu African refugee families. Ms. Leinenkugel stated that finding qualified translators, for a number of languages, is an increasing challenge. Ms. Leinenkugel stated that the DCHD is compiling a list of upcoming health events for the next six months.

Mr. Erickson and Ms. Wright provided an update on Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Service activities. Mr. Erickson stated that landscaping education is continuing at three homes, including one at a Spanish-speaking residence. Ms. Wright stated that Spanish growth charts have been printed. Ms. Wright also stated that the growth charts have been popular and that Bergen Mercy

Hospital has already requested additional growth charts. Ms. Leinenkugel added that a lot of interest in the CDs was shown at the Gifford Park Night Out. Ms. Deppe stated that interest in the CDs was also expressed at a conference she recently attended.

Ms. Outin stated that she would be able to provide an update on ATSDR activities at the next Subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Deppe stated that OneWorld Community Health Center (OneWorld) serves over 2,000 children under the age of seven each year; however, a significant number of those children are not being tested each year. Ms. Deppe stated that OneWorld had been considering implementing a new database to track its children. Ms. Deppe stated that OneWorld had been looking into utilizing the CDC's Stellar database. Dr. Pour stated that Stellar could not be used to track children at a particular health center. Dr. Pour stated that the DCHD might be able to provide the information in reports to OneWorld.

Ms. Outin asked if many seasonal workers are present in Omaha. Dr. Pour stated that very few seasonal workers are in the area. Mr. Villegas stated that workers typically stay in Omaha with their families. Dr. Pour stated that it is important to reach families moving into the area. Ms. Outin asked if there are many other locations, like the CAC, where new Spanish-speaking residents would go to get information. Mr. Villegas stated that there are very few places, including the CAC, Juan Diego Center, and Latina Resource Center.

Mr. Waldren stated that the Subcommittee could begin thinking about activities for National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. Ms. Leinkenkugel stated that official dates for National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week are usually set at the last minute. Ms. Leinenkugel offered to investigate if dates have been set.

The Subcommittee discussed estimated costs for an educational program as part of a comprehensive program for the Omaha Lead Site. Dr. Pour stated that EPA would be paying for outreach workers. Ms. Outin stated that Congressman Terry's office offered to assist with public service announcements. Ms. Deppe provided estimated costs for HEPA vacuums. Ms. Outin described a display ATSDR uses for home shows that could be designed for the Omaha Lead Site. Mr. Waldren stated that he would look into local costs for a similar display.

Ms. Casteel reported that she spoke with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) about the State's cost share. Ms. Casteel stated that NDEQ would be spending \$100,000 to \$150,000 on education.

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

- 1) Ms. Leinenkugel will find out if dates have been set for National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.
- 2) Mr. Waldren will obtain local estimates for a professional display for homes shows.

The next Education Subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office located at 8015 W. Center Road.