

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

for the

Omaha Lead Site

Education Subcommittee
Summary Notes from August 12, 2004 Meeting
Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition

Jonah Deppe, Connie Determan, Dr. Donna Polk-Primm, Jennifer Rawley, Katy Spellerberg, and Vernon Waldren met to discuss education issues and health fair participation.

Dr. Polk-Primm announced that she did not receive the grant written by her and Ms. Deppe.

Dr. Polk-Primm suggested that the Education Subcommittee focus on:

- How to reach people;
- Providing opportunities for the local community to provide education; and
- Locating funding opportunities.

The Subcommittee discussed several ideas to increase and improve education. The Subcommittee discussed providing residents with an information package to be passed out by hand, providing educational trick-or-treat bags, and designing educational McDonalds tray liners. The Subcommittee also discussed reaching families through the school system. Subcommittee members suggested educating children about lead via a science project that could include UNMC, Creighton, and schools.

The Subcommittee discussed writing an education plan that would include estimated funding needs. Mr. Waldren suggested that the educational plan specify:

- Audiences;
- Awareness versus education elements;
- Delivery methods; and
- Curriculum.

The Subcommittee also discussed health fairs. Ms. Deppe asked how such events could be staffed. Dr. Polk-Primm suggested staffing events with individuals needing community service hours, such as high school students. The Subcommittee agreed to include attendance at health fairs and other events in the education plan, specifically addressing:

- The purpose of attending events;
- The intended audience; and
- The information to be distributed.

Subcommittee members agreed to the following:

- Mr. Waldren will work on expanding education language provided for the comprehensive plan (the education plan);
- Subcommittee members will email specific items to be included in the education plan to Mr. Waldren;
- MFG will provide Mr. Waldren with examples of education plans from other communities; and
- Subcommittee members will bring educational materials to the next Subcommittee meeting to discuss.

The Subcommittee agreed to prepare a draft education plan by the end of August. The Subcommittee also agreed to present the CAG with lead items and example educational materials at the September 1, 2004 CAG meeting.

The next Education Subcommittee meeting is to be announced.