

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

Education Subcommittee
Summary Notes from January 18, 2005 Meeting
Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office

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

Name	Affiliation
Sue Casteel	ATSDR
Julie Chytil	DCHD
Connie Determan	MFG, Inc.
Trenton Erickson	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Felisa Dillon	ASW Associates, Inc.
Laurie Foral	DCHD
Kathy Leinenkugel	DCHD
Theresa NeSmith	ATSDR (by telephone)
Youlanda Outin	ATSDR (by telephone)
Paula Peters	ATSDR (by telephone)
Jennifer Rawley	MFG, Inc.
Katy Spellerberg	MFG, Inc.
Joyce Stevens	City of Omaha
Rebecca Valdez	Chicano Awareness Center
Vernon Waldren	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Cammy Watkins	Sierra Club
Rachel Wright	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension

Mr. Waldren began the meeting by reviewing the Action Items from the December 1, 2004 Education Subcommittee meeting. The following is a list of Action Items from the December meeting with discussion from the current meeting written in bold type:

- MFG will create an informational packet that provides history of the Omaha Lead Site and CAG as well as lead poisoning information that will be used to update new members of the community who join the CAG or are interested in the Omaha Lead Site.
Ms. Determan said that MFG is in the process of creating the informational packet and will send it to the Education Subcommittee for review by the close of business on January 21, 2005. [Update: Additional information is being obtained for the packet. The packet will be sent out to the Education Subcommittee for review by the close of business on January 28, 2005.]

- Mr. Falter will send the State of Nebraska comprehensive lead plan to MFG for distribution to the CAG.
MFG received a copy of this plan and distributed it to the CAG. Additional copies are available through MFG.
- MFG will research the use of kiosks and other lead education and outreach efforts in the State of Michigan and update the Education Subcommittee.
MFG provided a summary memo of kiosks used by the State of Michigan. The memo was reviewed and then a discussion about the use of kiosks followed. It was agreed that some of the issues that need to be addressed during development of kiosks include what type of education the kiosks would provide, what languages would be used for the kiosk, and, if a website was developed for the kiosk, would the CAG coordinate with managers of other computer labs in Omaha (such as the UNO Technology Center) to request that the information website be included as a homepage for one computer within each lab. Mr. Waldren asked who would like to take leadership of developing kiosks. Ms. Determan said Dr. Polk-Primm may want to be involved. A recommendation was made to evaluate the effectiveness of the kiosks to see if they are successful in increasing awareness and knowledge about the Omaha lead problem.
- MFG will update the Education plan matrix and distribute to the Education Subcommittee.
MFG updated the education plan matrix and the new matrix was distributed at the meeting.
- MFG will review education and outreach materials and select ten materials that would be the best to use for the Omaha Lead Site Awareness and Promotion Campaign. These materials will be distributed to the Education Subcommittee for approval.
MFG selected ten materials that would be good tools for outreach. The materials were intended to target pregnant women, children, and caregivers, parents, and guardians of young children. The materials focused on various types of lead education (such as landscaping techniques, healthy eating, and hand washing). The materials could be customized to the OLS. A discussion about lead education materials followed. Ms. Leinenkugel said the materials MFG selected should be reviewed with DCHD materials to ensure consistency of message. Ms. Determan suggested developing a matrix of what groups/agencies have education materials and the availability of these materials for CAG use. Ms. Peters said ATSDR met with DCHD to discuss what the two agencies are mandated to do for lead education within the OLS. Ms. Peters and Ms. Outin will present this information to the CAG at the February 9, 2005 CAG meeting. Ms. Peters and Ms. Outin would like all Education Subcommittee members to attend the CAG meeting.
- MFG will contact Sierra Club regarding the calling campaign conducted and update the Education Subcommittee.
Ms. Watkins described the calling campaign conducted by Sierra Club and explained that the purpose for the campaign was to identify people who considered themselves environmental supporters. Ms. Watkins said the contact information received by the campaign could be used by the CAG.

- Ms. Peters will contact the State of Missouri to receive a copy of the State's lead education curriculum.
Ms. Peters received a copy of the State of Missouri's lead education curriculum. The program is focused on children from Pre-Kindergarten level through 12th grade. Ms. Casteel will send MFG a copy of the report for distribution to CAG members.
- MFG will contact Rebecca Valdez to ask for her participation in the Awareness and Promotion Campaign work group.
Ms. Valdez was contacted and attended the meeting.
- Ms. Deppe will develop a cost estimate for using vacant homes to conduct lead-safe restoration and cleaning presentations.
Ms. Deppe was unable to attend the meeting.
- Ms. Foral will contact the March of Dimes (MOD) regarding lead education and outreach.
Ms. Foral contacted the MOD and was told the MOD would only get involved if a prenatal component was included in the lead education plan. The group agreed that coordination with pregnant women was an important part of the education plan and then discussed outreach strategies to pregnant women. Ms. Determan suggested that a representative from MOD should be invited to the next Education Subcommittee meeting. Ms. Foral will invite the MOD to the next Education Subcommittee meeting.
- MFG will obtain fliers from DCHD regarding the Masimax training and will distribute to the CAG.
Fliers were obtained and distributed to the CAG but the training was rescheduled. MFG received updated fliers from Mr. Steinkraus and Ms. Casteel and will distribute the fliers to the CAG.

Mr. Waldren then discussed having an education program for contractors and excavation professionals. This was in response to Mr. Waldren receiving complaints of tree root damage at a residence being excavated under the direction of EPA. Ms. Casteel advised Mr. Waldren to contact Bob Feild of EPA to discuss this matter.

Ms. Wright then discussed the EPA targeted grant that she and Mr. Waldren are writing on behalf of the CAG. The grant is for \$86,000, and the funds would be used for developing and printing education materials and hiring two full-time workers for one year. A discussion followed regarding whether or not two full-time positions were sufficient for the needs of the project, and the type of work for which the two workers would be responsible. It was decided that requesting two workers in the application would be sufficient. It was also agreed that if the grant was awarded to the CAG, further discussion would occur to determine the exact duties of the two workers.

Mr. Waldren stated that it was suggested at the CAG meeting that an individual be identified to assist in notifying potential applicants of grants. Ms. Determan said Gail Braun from the City of Omaha would be a good person to coordinate grant efforts for the CAG. MFG will contact Ms. Braun.

Ms. Leinenkugel suggested contacting personnel from UNO who receive and track grant opportunities and send them to the appropriate professors and departments. Ms. Leinenkugel will identify a contact from UNO.

Valentine's Day Cards for Children's Environmental Health, initiated by the Grassroots Leadership Network (GLN) and Community Toolbox, were discussed. It was decided that because the Education Subcommittee currently did not have a specific event/topic being promoted, the group would not develop an event for Children's Environmental Health Week.

Ms. Determan and Mr. Waldren asked the group to identify public events that should be attended by a CAG representative. Some upcoming events include the Black Family Health Fair on March 12th and Minority Health Month in April. Events such as these should be identified in advance so a request for volunteers to staff the events can be made to the CAG. MFG will develop a list of public events for the February 9, 2005 CAG meeting.

Ms. Determan then discussed grants that were awarded by Alegent Health on January 17, 2005. She explained that the grantees could possibly become new CAG members. Ms. Determan also pointed out that applications for the next round of grants to be distributed by Alegent Health are due in April 2005, and the CAG could apply for a grant. Ms. Determan will contact Alegent Health to obtain information on the grant.

The following list of Action Items resulted from the meeting:

- 1) MFG will distribute the new member informational packet to Education Subcommittee members for comment by the close of business on Friday, January 21, 2005.
- 2) MFG will contact Dr. Polk-Primm and ask her if she would like to be the leader of the effort to develop kiosks for the OLS.
- 3) MFG will develop a matrix of agencies that provide lead education materials.
- 4) MFG will include Ms. Peters and Ms. Outin on the agenda for the CAG meeting on February 9, 2005.
- 5) Ms. Casteel will send a copy of the State of Missouri lead education curriculum to MFG so copies can be made for the Education Subcommittee.
- 6) Ms. Deppe will provide an update on the cost estimate for using vacant homes to conduct lead-safe restoration and cleaning presentations at the next Education Subcommittee meeting.
- 7) Ms. Foral will contact the MOD and invite a representative to the next Education Subcommittee meeting.
- 8) MFG will distribute Masimax fliers to the CAG.
- 9) Mr. Waldren will contact Bob Feild from EPA to discuss prevention of damage to vegetation during yard excavation.
- 10) Douglas/Sarpy County Extension will submit the targeted grant application to EPA by January 31, 2005.
- 11) MFG will contact Ms. Gail Braun with the City of Omaha regarding grant coordination for the CAG.
- 12) Ms. Leinenkugel will identify a contact from UNO regarding grant opportunities and submit this information to MFG, who will then contact UNO.
- 13) Education Subcommittee members should submit information about public events for the CAG to attend to Vernon Waldren (email: vwaldren@unlnotes.unl.edu phone: 444-7804) or Katy Spellerberg (email: Katy.Spellerberg@mfgenv.com phone: 933-1345). MFG will develop a CAG public events calendar for 2005.

- 14) Ms. Determan will contact Alegent Health regarding the grants.
- 15) Ms. Council will extend invitations to CAG meetings to Alegent Health grantees who may be interested in the OLS.

The next Education Subcommittee meeting will be held on February 15, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at Mr. Waldren's office, located at 8015 W. Center Road.