

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

Education Committee

Summary Notes from December 13, 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
Trent Erickson	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Kathy Leinenkugel	Douglas County Health Department Lead Program
Jennifer Rawley	MFG, Inc.
Joyce Stevens	City of Omaha Planning Department
Che Thompson	Lead Safe Omaha Coalition
Vernon Waldren	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Rachel Wright	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Richard Sanders	ATSDR

The Education Subcommittee began the meeting by discussing the key message for Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. The Subcommittee agreed on “Kids Run Better Unleaded: Practice Prevention.” The Committee agreed to look into a graphic for use with the slogan. Ms. Leinenkugel stated that the Douglas County Health Department may be able to assist with graphic design.

The Committee discussed additional ideas for Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. Ms. Casteel suggested having a kid’s poster contest. Ms. Coyne stated that in Lincoln, kids posters were displayed on buses. Ms. Casteel suggested that it may be simpler to display posters without holding a contest.

The Committee designated tasks to prepare for Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in 2006. Ms. Thompson and Ms. Casteel will be working on preparing information for school newsletters, a Children’s Museum display, and displays for schools. Ms. Leinenkugel and Mr. Waldren will be working on the display for WIC. The Douglas/Sarpy County Extension office will be working on the displays for hospitals, grocery stores, home improvement stores, the zoo, and preparing information for neighborhood associations and OPPD/MUD newsletters.

Ms. Thompson suggested contacting garden groups that may be active during Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. Ms. Leinenkugel stated that the EPA may also want to distribute information during Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

The Committee members provided updates on various activities.

Ms. Leinenkugel stated that EPA is going to provide funding to DCHD for community health workers. Ms. Leinenkugel stated that DCHD continues to provide case management to a large number of children.

Ms. Wright stated that the Extension is continuing to work on end of year reports. Mr. Erickson stated that he will be providing education lectures at UNO and community colleges for future landscapers.

Ms. Thompson stated that since August there has been a Lead Safe Omaha Coalition meeting, a community fair, and testing at HeadStart. Ms. Thompson reported that LSOC has made 1203 community contacts and 53 blood lead tests since August.

Ms. Stevens stated that the City is in the planning stages for its HUD-funded lead program.

The next Education Subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office located at 8015 W. Center Road.