

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

Education Subcommittee
Summary Notes from March 15, 2005 Meeting
Urban League Family Resources Center

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

Name	Affiliation
Sue Casteel	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
Siobhan Champ-Blackwell	Creighton University
Jonah Deppe	OneWorld; Citizen at Large
Connie Determan	MFG, Inc.
Felisa Dillon	ASW Associates, Inc.
Patty Falcone	DCHD
Bob Feild	EPA
Laurie Foral	Douglas County Health Department (DCHD)
Mary Hill	Sisters Together
Kathy Leinenkugel	DCHD
Patrice Pittman	Urban League of Nebraska
Jennifer Rawley	MFG, Inc.
Katy Spellerberg	MFG, Inc.
Joyce Stevens	City of Omaha
Che Thompson	Lead Safe Omaha Coalition (LSOC)
Vernon Waldren	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
Cammy Watkins	Sierra Club
Rachel Wright	Douglas/Sarpy County Extension

Mr. Waldren began the meeting by explaining that Dr. Jeff Linkenbach from the University of Montana-Bozeman had conducted a presentation open to the public about Social Norms in Omaha on March 9, 2005. Mr. Waldren asked for feedback about the presentation from those who had attended. The group agreed that Social Norms is a positive approach to public health education programs and would be beneficial to use for the Omaha Lead Site. Mr. Waldren announced that MFG videotaped the presentation, and the video will be available for people to borrow and view. In addition, MFG will request a copy of Dr. Linkenbach's PowerPoint presentation and television commercials that were developed using the Social Norms theory.

The Subcommittee then reviewed the second draft of the new member briefing packet. Each section of the packet was discussed, and those present at the meeting agreed on making the following changes to the packet:

1. Public Health Assessment (PHA) will be added to the list of acronyms.
2. Section I., Foreword, will be expanded to include 5 Sections:
 - a. Purpose of this Briefing Book
 - b. What is the Omaha Lead Site?
 - c. Public Health Information
 - d. Response Actions Completed to Date
 - e. Potentially Responsible PartiesNOTE: Part c of the Foreword will include ATSDR's public health information for the Omaha Lead Site.
3. The map titled "PRP Map for the Omaha Lead Site" and the list titled "Potentially Responsible Parties for the Omaha Lead Site" located in Section I.b., What is the Omaha Lead Site?, will be removed from the packet. A bulleted list of the four PRPs identified by EPA, including ASARCO, Union Pacific Railroad Company, Gould Electronics, Inc., and Aaron Ferer & Sons Corporation, will be added to the text in Section I.e., Potentially Responsible Parties.
4. Text will be added to Section I.c., What is the Omaha Lead Site?, providing a brief summary of the Interim ROD.
5. The map titled "Omaha Lead Site, Site Map" located in Section I, Foreword, will be renamed as "Omaha Lead Site Focus Area, Site Map".
6. The map titled "Omaha Lead, Number of Properties Cleaned Up by Zip Code" located in Section I, Foreword, will be renamed as "Omaha Lead Site Focus Area, Number of Properties Cleaned Up by Zip Code". The map will be revised so that major streets (especially Ames St., L St., and 45th Street) and the Missouri River are identified, and dots will be placed where properties have been excavated. EPA will provide additional updates to the map as available.
7. Clarification regarding the ownership history of 555 Farnam Street property will be made within Section I.e., Potentially Responsible Parties.
8. Information about Ms. Brenda Council will be moved from Section I.a., Purpose of this Briefing Book, to Section II.a., Formation of the CAG. Text will be added to clarify that Ms. Council facilitates the CAG for UPRR and was formerly employed by UPRR as legal counsel.
9. Section II.c., CAG Membership, will be revised to include the Resource List for the CAG. Text will be added that explains the CAG Membership and Resource lists are frequently updated, and readers will be directed to the CAG website for updated membership lists. Mary Hill indicated she was a voting member of the CAG.
10. All EPA Fact Sheets will be moved to Section III., EPA Fact Sheets Regarding the Omaha Lead Site. Fact Sheets will be reordered chronologically from the most current to the oldest.

11. Section IV.c., EPA Documents, will be renamed as “EPA Documents Summary”. Summaries for EPA documents identified in this section of the briefing packet will be included.
12. The main component of the Interim ROD will be added to Section IV.c., EPA Documents Summary.
13. EPA’s responses to CAG questions on the following documents will be added to Section IV.c., EPA Documents Summary.
 - a. Remedial Investigation and Risk Assessment
 - b. Feasibility Study
 - c. Proposed Plan
14. Inaccurate page numbering will be corrected.
15. The CAG’s website address will be added to the footer on each page of the packet.
16. The reference to Sisters Together in the CAG’s Comprehensive Plan for Elimination of Lead Hazards in Omaha, NE, which is included in Section V.a. of the briefing packet, will be clarified to read “Sisters Together Omaha Chapter”.

Following discussion of the briefing packet, Mr. Waldren asked for an update on agency programs. Ms. Falcone and Ms. Foral provided an update about the DCHD lead education and outreach program. DCHD continues to recruit temporary workers for lead outreach. Workers are needed for outreach with Sudanese, Hispanic, Native American, and African American populations. Outreach workers would be required to attend an informational meeting on either March 29th at 2:00 pm or March 30th at 6:00 pm at the Urban League Family Resources Center. Training for the program will be held on April 18th and April 25th. The official outreach project will run from May 1, 2005 to June 27, 2005. DCHD will focus on spreading two messages to the community: 1) the importance of testing blood lead levels in children, and 2) how to live safely with lead. Anyone who knows of potential outreach workers should call Patty Falcone at 444-7146. In addition, Ms. Thompson said she could post fliers announcing the temporary job opportunity at Bellevue University and Metropolitan Community College. Ms. Pittman said to forward a flier to Siobhan Champ-Blackwell at Siobhan@creighton.edu, so she could distribute it on her web log or at Creighton University. Ms. Deppe said to post the fliers at Chicano Awareness Center, OneWorld, and Urban League Family Resources Center. Ms. Foral said she would develop and email a flier to the Education Subcommittee.

Ms. Foral added that DCHD is looking to develop a media blitz with advertisements regarding lead education. Ms. Foral requested that if anyone knows of a group of people who could view the messages and provide feedback, please contact her at 595-1365.

Mr. Waldren announced updates on lead education activities being conducted by the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office. The extension office developed a lead education CD and Alegent Health has agreed to distribute the CD, as well as a growth chart and other education materials, to parents of newborns born in Alegent Health hospitals. The extension office is also working on developing realtor training sessions regarding lead hazards. Mr. Waldren said that Mr. Falter from the State of Nebraska Health and Human Services is adding a lead component to a booklet that is distributed to all families of newborn children.

Ms. Leinenkugel added that the Masimax training for English-speaking construction workers will be held on March 29, 2005, but the training class in Spanish to be held on March 30, 2005 was cancelled due to low registration. Ms. Leinenkugel said the CAG needs to work to bring back the Spanish training session. Ms. Casteel added that sessions must have a minimum of 20 registrants. Ms. Deppe suggested coordinating with the Mexican Consulate, as many Spanish-speaking construction workers gather there in the mornings.

The following list of Action Items resulted from the meeting:

1. MFG will request Dr. Linkenbach's Social Norms PowerPoint presentation and copies the commercials he has developed.
2. MFG will develop a third draft briefing packet revised according to the statements above and will submit the briefing packet to the CAG for approval.
3. Mr. Feild will provide an updated version of the Omaha Lead Site Focus Area, Site Map and the Omaha Lead Site Focus Area, Number of Properties Cleaned Up by Zip Code map.
4. Ms. Foral will develop a flier regarding DCHD's need for temporary lead outreach workers and email it to the Education Subcommittee and various agencies.

The next Education Subcommittee meeting will be held on April 7, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office located at 8015 W. Center Road.