

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – April 24, 2019

Location: Phone Conference **Time:** 1 to 2 pm

Attendees: Raj, Chrishun, Darby, Jennifer, Barbara, Mary, Ashlee

Agenda Item

WELCOME

ATTENDANCE

AGENDA

❖ DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Discussion:

Dementia Friendly Work Group - Barbara attended the meeting last week and gave an update on their discussion. The North Eastern Illinois AAA grant from the Dept. on Aging has been extended a year. Other reported activities: they have formed an advisory committee with the mayor, local congressional representatives, police and fire departments to create awareness and expand training efforts with individuals as well as local businesses. Businesses who go through the 6-step training module will receive a purple angel decal to put in their windows. So far, they have engaged more than 8,000 community members through various outreach activities. They are working on creating an awareness event with information tables and vendor booths where community members can come to learn more and pledge to become more dementia friendly. They are working with 7 new communities: Elgin, Oswego, Naperville, Lisle, Geneva, Batavia, St. Charles & South Lake. They are also doing the “Tales and Travels” program with assisted living communities. They have given out \$40,000 in gap filling funds from the National Caregiving Program.

Action: N/A

Discussion:

Metropolitan Mayor’s Conference – Amanda from Age Options has been in contact by Karl Smith inquiring about the possibility of having an Age Friendly presentation at their next meeting.

Action:

Darby will contact Amanda to see how she would like to follow-up with Mr. Smith to see about presenting Age & Dementia Friendly opportunities at an upcoming meeting.

Discussion:

Raj received a request from Elgin for a letter of support for Dementia Friendly America recognition.

Action:

Raj will draft a letter and send it to Greg and Darby this week to review the letter and sign-off.

Discussion:

Barbara reported that Glencoe was interested in becoming Dementia Friendly but that the village manager wants the village board to adopt a resolution of support before they move forward. Glencoe has also applied for a Retirement Research Foundation grant to help support their dementia friendly efforts.

Discussion – Tessa (UCH)

- The morning session of the Memory Care workshop has been canceled for 4/26. Those interested can still register to attend the afternoon session from 3-6pm. To register, email, tangles.outreach@gmail.com.
- Save the Date – Dementia Friendly Chicago River Cruise (2nd Annual!) – Odyssey Chicago boat – Tuesday, September 24th 12 pm to 2:30pm (welcoming sponsorships to make this event free for all)
- Save the date: Dementia Friendly Luncheon: Tuesday, May 7 (see the flyer on www.ilbrianhealth.org).

Discussion:

Darby - The Age Friendly Chicago Commission is conducting a high-rise building age-friendly training session for 60-80 building facility employees from various organizations. The training will be held at Harbor Point on May 16 from 10am-12noon. UIC will be facilitating the training. City of Chicago AAA submitted a 3yr grant, which was due on April 1st. Its point of interest: addressing the issue of isolated older adults and the savvy caregiver. They are expecting to hear back from the funders by mid-June or July.

Discussion:

Raj - There was a brief discussion last week between N4A and Scott & White, a group located in Texas, who wanted to do an evaluation of the national dementia friendly programs. Preliminary talks have ensued and they will continue discussions in their meeting this summer. Raj will keep us posted on updates.

❖ **DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS - Susan**

Discussion:

Current number of Friends 2,217 from in-person talks

Action:

Working on scheduling another Champion training. Further information TBA

❖ **CATCH-ON - Mary**

Discussion:

Mary reported that they are working on getting another day schedule for dementia friendly training in southern Illinois.

Action:

Elaine is coordinating. More info TBA

Mary also reported that they are sending two scholar students to the Healthy Brain Aging Workshop in Springfield this Spring. See the flyer for the event posted on the ICRN website on 4/10.

❖ **HEALTHY BRAIN RESEARCH NETWORK - David**

Discussion:

The Healthy Brain Research Network funding ends in September.

Action:

The team in Illinois is working on a manuscript of focus groups they did to a) examine Latino adults' perceptions of ads meant to promote early dementia detection and b) their perceptions of brain donation for their parents. The group is looking for funding for creating and evaluating the next set of ads.

❖ **DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)**

Discussion:

Phyllis submitted another grant on a state level to support dementia training and outreach initiatives.

Action: N/A

❖ ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE - Jennifer

Discussion:

Jennifer reported that they held the last meeting last week via WebEx. The primary focus of the meeting was revising the State strategic plan based on information received from surveys and the advisory committee. There will be another meeting in June to review the applications that were submitted under the Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant. The Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund FY 20 grant submission deadline was April 22. The peer review committee is currently reviewing abstracts.

Action:

Grant applications will be reviewed and forwarded to the advisory committee for review and approval in early June.

❖ Other News/Updates

Barbara reported that Dementia Friendly Evanston received a \$2,300 grant from the local Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club. The purpose of funds is to support efforts to collaborate with the Institute for Therapy with the Arts to hold four "Therapy for Arts" sessions at Memory Cafes in Evanston. The team is actively recruiting volunteers to train so that the program can expand and continue to grow. Barbara will forward the information so that it can be shared on the ICRN website.

Raj asked the group to start thinking about the futility of having an ICRN conference/ annual meeting for all groups to come together to share new information and ideas regarding Dementia Friendly communities that are in Illinois. Further discussion will take place in upcoming meetings to determine a good time/location to hold the event.

Raj & Chrishun: we need your feedback!! Please review the ICRN website at www.ilbrainhealth.org. Let us know what you think of the blog posts and the ease of accessibility of other pages and let us know what you think. We are also interested in knowing your preferred method of receiving new posts from the website. If you prefer email, please be sure to subscribe on the ICRN website to receive email alerts.

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