

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – February 26, 2020

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

Attendees: Raj, Chrishun, Crystal, Susan, Michelle

Agenda Item

WELCOME ATTENDANCE AGENDA

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Discussion:

- **Raj and Susan** gave an update on Dementia Friendly communities – currently there are eight nationally recognized DF communities: (Evanston, Grayslake, Elgin, Kankakee County, North Chicago/Lake County, River Forest, and Glencoe). We have several communities at various stages in the process. Westmont has requested a letter of recommendation from the ICRN. Oak Park and Highland Park are very close and soon will be submitting their application and requesting a letter of recommendation from the ICRN. Naperville is off to a great start. Raj attended the most recent Dementia Friendly Naperville meeting. They had a group of about 25 people and had very solid plans on how they want to proceed. Susan was contacted by both Orland Park and Tinley Park to learn more about the process. She will be following up with both communities.
- **Susan:** There are currently about 10 communities in various stages of inquiring about becoming Dementia Friendly.
- Dementia Friendly Meeting Recap from last week: Per Susan, Darby reported that they had a good discussion about coming up with ideas to include the City of Chicago join DF or work on smaller neighborhoods and listen to what other large urban areas have been doing. Mary Hanley from National DF will be participating in this discussion.
- **Raj:** The Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus are working intently to come up with Age Friendly and DF initiatives that they can share in their individual communities. Their next meeting will be in Hanover Park. They are in contact with the ICRN for advice and guidance.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS - Susan

Discussion:

Current numbers:

- Dementia Friends – 3,548 (from in-person talks)
 - Dementia Champions – 74
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- Susan says there will be Dementia Champion training the last Friday of every month. The next training will be Friday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m. More information will be posted on the ICRN. There are 8 people signed up for this month's training. We want to have a blurb on the ICRN website that people can have immediate information on how to join the training.
 - Susan will give a Dementia Talk in Evanston next month with a showing of the Documentary: "Too Soon to Forget," following with a Q&A session and ending with Dementia Friend training. Raj asked Barbara to submit a short blurb to post on the ICRN page.
 - Susan has also initiated Dementia Friendly Friday in which one DF is highlighted on the website with their picture and a short blurb on why they feel that the Dementia Friendly movement is important. Meredith Hanley has expressed interest in making Dementia Friendly Friday a national movement. #DementiaFriendlyFriday social media movement. People can post a photo of themselves with their Dementia Friendly certificate or a short blurb or testimonial on why they are a Dementia Friend.
 - We also have one Dementia Champion interested in delivering talks in Korean.
 - Raj is working on one movement of combining Dementia Friendly Friday with the Alzheimer's Association ILL Chapter's "Longest Day" movement as a way to get more people to sign up to be Dementia Friends.

Action: Dementia Champion training events will be posted on the ICRN website. Susan will forward contact information to Chrishun.

3. ILLINOIS HRSA GWEP/ADRD/ RECIPIENTS (Formerly CATCH-ON)

- Michelle: CATCH-ON met with their program officer on Monday, who was pleased with grant activities and the fact that they have exceeded all projected numbers. They also had a good meeting with the I4A (Area Agencies on Aging) and they identified four (AAA's) who are interested in becoming DF communities.
- Raj acknowledged Michelle's efforts on the grant saying that she has been very good with onboarding people who are involved with CATCH-ON grant activities.
- Michelle also said that met with one of their partner clinics in Tennessee and shared a one-page flyer. They were able to use this information to train 46 primary care clinic staff.
- Tarisha is continuing to work on putting together a half-day conference for communities in June 2020 in Elmhurst, IL. The purpose to become more cohesive and streamline resources. More information forthcoming as plans develop.

- Susan and Raj have also talked with groups in Springfield and Southern Illinois (Fayette County). These groups are engaged and organizing activities for DF talks and trainings in local businesses and community organizations. Raj said that he is pleased that grant activities have afforded the ICRN the opportunity to learn how to work with smaller rural communities and different environments throughout the State of Illinois. Age Guide is also supporting areas in their region and has invited the ICRN to take part in their conference this Fall 2020
- Raj wants to combine the CATCH-ON section to include SHARE Network of U of C and Engage Illinois of UIC to this section of the agenda so that they can feel free to add their input to the network as well. The sections will be called GWEP Updates.

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA) – No Updates

5. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Discussion:

- Raj reported that a new state plan should be coming out soon after final proofing and approval.
- Raj provided grant information: the link for the <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=323189>

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Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative - Grants to States and Communities

6. Other News/Updates:

- Federal funding opportunities will soon be released with grants coming through for the BOLD Act for communities that focus on healthy brain aging. See the ICRN website for more details and a full listing.

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