

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – June 24, 2020

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

Attendees: Chrishun, Susan, Darby, Greg, Barbara, David, Diana, Jennifer, Elaine, Tarisha

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Discussion:

Darby (NWM) (recap of Dementia Friendly May meeting)

- 23 people were on the Zoom call this month. Had general DF updates at the beginning of the meeting and then smaller groups went into breakout rooms during the call.
- A number of people from North Shore communities who are working on DF efforts were able to network to share resources and ideas.
- Evanston, Elgin and Westmont are holding Zoom Memory Cafes.
- Working on developing a Google Drive folder with resources and a directory accessible to all Dementia Friendly members.
- Discussed some advocacy issues that they would like to see the ICRN become involved. One issue in particular is the taxing of streaming services in some areas.

Susan (RUSH)

- Two more communities received Dementia Friendly recognition:
Orland Park
Highland Park

Bringing our total to 11 communities across the state:

Elgin	North Chicago/Lake County
Evanston	Orland Park
Glencoe	Oswego
Grayslake	River Forest
Highland Park	Westmont
Kankakee County	

Two more have completed their application and are awaiting review: Oak Park & Tri-Cities (Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles)

Held first meeting with partners in Chicago to discuss application process and how they can stay aware of the efforts across the city

Barbara (City of Evanston)

- A resource group, of which Barbara is a member of, is challenging the City of Evanston’s decision to tax streaming services as they have found that this tax disproportionately affects the elderly and poorer communities who cannot afford computers.
- This is especially concerning because they are using local TV to promote programs and activities to address social isolation and has formed a senior COVID group. Their focus: to address obstacles to senior care and services presented by the challenges of COVID19 (shelter-in-place, social distancing, isolation).
- Barb also emails a weekly newsletter and packet of resources and activities to engage socially isolated residents. The distribution list is compiled of senior facilities, Memory Café and church attendees. They are getting a very positive response from this effort.
- The Uniper Care Program provides streaming services related to dementia and older adults. This service can be hooked up to a regular television with an HDMI capability. Age Options is also doing a pilot program with this service. Uniper Care Technologies is based out of California and has a contract with Age Options.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS

Susan (RUSH)

- 3,664 friends from in-person talks
- 770 online friends
- 4,434 Dementia Friends in total
- 90 Champions
- Champion Training held the last Friday of each month on Zoom. Contact Susan Frick for information

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

Tarisha (RUSH)

- Garfield Park has been unresponsive since COVID, we will continue to reach out to contact there.
- Partner in Austin has agreed to be lead partner in making Austin Dementia Friendly. We have a call this week to discuss potential other potential partners.

Elaine (Southern Illinois)

- Elaine presented about Dementia Friendly Illinois, Dementia Champions and Dementia Friends to a group of consumers & providers (40 people approximately) via eztalks at a webinar Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the Continuing Education Institute of Illinois. A second talk will be offered on June 25, which will also include information about Dementia Friendly Initiatives for a second webinar sponsored by the same groups. The anticipated target audience are 50 providers and consumers.

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA) – No Updates

Greg (SIU)

- Greg will be retiring as of June 30, 2020. Diana Szczepanski was on this month's call and she will be taking on Greg's responsibilities as of July 1. Happy Retirement Greg! Welcome Diana, we look forward to working with you

5. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Jennifer (IDPH)

- Applied for funding through the BOLD ACT to fund:
 - Dementia & brain health education and outreach
 - Develop training programs for health professionals.
 - Improve tools and resources for early diagnosis.
 - Support Dementia Capable communities.
 - Hope to receive a response

6. Other News/Updates:

- The ICRN website revamp project is complete. We are asking all ICRN members to visit the site and submit any resources from your organization that you would like to have added to the page.
- An updated version of the ICRN Caregivers Resource Guide has been posted on the website under the COVID-19 tab.

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Next Meeting Wednesday, July 22