

# ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – September 23, 2020

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

**Attendees:** Raj, Chrishun, Susan, Darby, David, Heather, Michelle, Bethany, Tarisha, Diana

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## 1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

### **Darby (NWM)** (recap of Dementia Friendly Meeting - August 19, 2020)

- Village of Westmont created a resource guide that was printed and is being distributed to community businesses and Dementia Friendly partners, i.e., bank , pharmacies, libraries, etc. This guide will be uploaded to the Dementia Friendly Google drive.
- Carter G. Woodson Library
  - Town Hall Town Hall meeting will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> 12pm – 1:30pm. Event flyer forthcoming.
  - A new library director has been appointed – Valeda Simpson.
  - There is interest in a dementia friendly library subcommittee
- Springfield
  - Working with Lydia from AgeLinc (AAA Lincolnland) who has been working on the dementia friendly application.
  - Currently speaking with Alderman, Representatives from Mayors office and libraries about current efforts.
  - There are talks with many of the local businesses and retailers to become Dementia Friendly.
  - Police officers are now taking behavioral health and Dementia Friendly training.
- Alzheimer’s Association IL Chapter
  - Silver alert will contact authorities to report wandering.
  - The goal is to work with community partners once situation is reported, same concept as amber alert.
  - Silversearchillinois.org

### **Susan (RUSH)**

- Working to create standard forms to upload to Google Doc as resource guides for communities looking to start the Dementia Friendly application process.
- Hyde Park and Naperville are the newest communities to become Dementia Friendly.

- South Loop Chicago and Springfield are currently working on their applications to become nationally recognized Dementia Friendly communities.
- Decatur is having their kick-off meeting on Wednesday, November 4. Susan will attend as a guest speaker.

### **Raj (Rush)**

- Would like to see the examples of the Dementia Friendly templates and other resources uploaded to the Illinois Cognitive Resources Network (ICRN) website so that materials will be readily available to all communities interested in beginning the process. **Action:** Chrishun and Susan will work on this project.

## **2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS**

### **Susan F. (RUSH)**

- 3,706 friends from (in-person talks)
- 92 Champions
- Susan said that things are moving a bit slowly now and that she is finding it challenging to find new avenues to give virtual DF talks due to the challenges presented by Covid-19. Michelle (Rush) invited Susan to give a talk at the next CATCH-ON meeting.
- Champion Training held the last Friday of each month on Zoom. Contact Susan Frick for information

### **Raj (Rush)**

- The challenge now is to create more flexible training modules that would allow people to watch Dementia Friendly talks and Q&A's at their leisure rather than the current structured format.
- Discussed options for Dementia Friendly to pair up with the Alzheimer's Association's Longest Day event to provide opportunities for people to become Dementia Friends.
- The ICRN was approached by the Illinois Pioneer Coalition to see how their members could get more involved in Dementia Friendly efforts in the state. Action: Raj will be meeting with the group on 9/24.

### **David (Alzheimer's Association)**

- Barb Paulson of the Alzheimer's Association is currently managing all Longest Day activities and planning details. **Action:** David will connect Tarisha (Rush) and Barb to further discuss possibilities.

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

#### **Michelle (Rush)**

- Partnered clinics: Shawnee Health Service SIU, Family Medicine at Rush and Cherokee Health System in Tennessee all are working on becoming Age Friendly and implementing the 4 m's (reminders of what matters to medication, meditation and mobility). They are also working with staff to become Dementia Friends.

#### **Diana**

- AAA's (Area Agencies on Aging) in Springfield has furthered DF efforts by having talks with representatives and council members.
- They are also talking to grocery stores, pharmacies and aging organizations to further DF opportunities.

### **4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA) – No Updates**

## 5. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Jennifer (IDPH)

Invited ICRN members to attend the next Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee meeting. It is open to the public.

Monday, October 5, 2020

01:00PM to 4:00PM

Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee

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<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mf5de6aa27f1edff501b2c5a1a4aec50f>

Meeting number (access code): 133 792 3294

Meeting password: gwJgZHKT256

### Raj (Update: BOLD Act Application)

- The State of Illinois applied for funding from the BOLD Act Center of Excellence in Public Health. Five states were selected to receive funding. Unfortunately, Illinois was not selected this year. Raj encouraged Illinois stakeholders to use this as a learning opportunity to revisit initiatives and goals and to prepare for the next funding cycle.

### Darby (Update: City of Chicago ACL Grant)

- Plans are moving forward and a program coordinator has been hired. **Action:** Darby will connect with Sarah Welch from Northwestern for further updates and report at next meeting.

## 6. Other News/Updates:

**Next Meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2020**