

# ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – April 28, 2021

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

**Attendees:** Raj S., Chrishun B., Susan F., David O., Michelle N., Wendy D, Bethany K., Darby M., Jessica L., Tarisha W.,

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## 1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

### **Darby (NWM)** (Recap of Dementia Friendly meeting April 21)

- 27 participants on last week's call
- Gave an update on the three subgroups:
  - **Sector Training** (discussion on making small training videos)
  - **Sustainability** (mentor programming for Dementia Friendly communities to help maintain programs)
  - **Library Research** (resources, information and shared technology, including tips and templates for starting the application process).
  - The subgroups meet separately from the month DF meeting. Dates TBA

### **Susan (RUSH)**

- New pages were added to the ICRN website ([ilbrainhealth.org](http://ilbrainhealth.org)); including a resource page that was created to support communities who want to begin the application process towards national recognition. The page includes sample applications, letters of support and village proclamations. It also contains activity ideas/tips for the task force.
- If you are interested in becoming a mentor to help new communities through the application process and or a community in need of a mentor, please contact Susan Frick.
- Dementia Friendly USA has developed a guide for DF communities. This assessment tool will help communities pace themselves through stages of involvement. There will a webinar on May 6, at 1:00 ET, to introduce these new resources. Go to the ICRN website for registration details.

- **Dementia Friendly Communities**

There are currently 17 communities with several in various stages of the application process.

- West Deerfield is the latest community to begin the application process. The ICRN has provided letters of support. Barrington and Washington Heights have also expressed interest.
- **(Tarisha W. – Rush)** reported that the Austin community in Chicago is very close and should be completing requirements in the next two weeks. Chatham (Chicago) has also expressed interest.

## **2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS**

- **Dementia Friends**

4,754 – In-person Dementia Friends

1221 – Online Dementia Friends

112 – Champions (Champions are starting to get more talks)

**\*Will be holding our Longest Day Event - Make a Difference in May. Looking for organizations to encourage groups to sign-up online as a Dementia Friend. Each person in ICRN could help with Make a Difference in May by encouraging people to sign up online as a Dementia Friend.**

**(Raj)** A volunteer group of interns from DePaul University are working on the maps and aligning Dementia Friends to the geographic designated DF communities to analyze data and see how communities are connecting and expanding DF efforts.

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

#### Michelle N. (RUSH)

- Two talks coming up in the month of May:
    - Normal Cognitive Aging & Dementia - May 20
    - Working with Older Adults with Dementia – May 27
- \*\*Flyers attached with registration information.**

#### Tarisha W. (Rush)

- The four agencies that they have been working with are:
  - **Midland** (Currently looking for another community to work with).
  - **Egyptian** (Very active within their communities. Working on putting together their next set of Memory Cafes and Business Sector trainings).
  - **Lincoln Land** (Very active with their organization in Springfield. They have two task members working in Central Illinois and the Illinois Assistance Acknowledgement Program, they have a radio spot that they have used to promote Dementia Friend talks and to boost efforts to make Springfield a Dementia Friendly community, and they have hired a new community engagement specialist. They are also working with Diana S. from SIU to put together a Dementia Friendly training for Pharmacology students).
  - **Area 5** (Interested to move forward but are having a slow start due to COVID restrictions).

#### Raj (Rush)

- Through the CATCH-ON grant, funds have been allocated (\$2,500) for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's) to be able to use to support their communities in becoming nationally recognized as a Dementia Friendly community. The application is a simple process and some funds are available.
- The ICRN is also starting work with evaluators from the CATCH-ON program to review the applications from communities looking to submit to National. Looking for patterns and themes on how communities approach the process depending on their geographic, i.e. rural, metropolitan, suburban and urban communities. The goal is to provide a framework that can be submitted to National as another resource tool.

### **Susan (Rush) & Tessa (UIC)**

- Working on putting together a virtual one-day camp called Lorenzo's House for children of people with Younger Onset Alzheimer's disease. The event will be held on June 21, from 10AM – 4:00 PM, CST **\*Flyer attached for registration details.**

### **4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA) –**

### **5. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE (no updates)**

#### **Jessica L. (IDPH)**

- Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee (ADAC) meeting Thursday, 4/29.
- There was NOFO for grant funding on Alzheimer's Awareness, more information can be found on the IDPH website.
- Raj will be giving an presentation on updates from the ICRN at the meeting

#### **David Olsen (Alzheimer's Association – Illinois Chapter)**

- The Association worked with the Legislative Black Caucus that included implementing mandatory annual training on Alzheimer's and dementia for adult check-in services. Gov. Pritzker signed this into law on Tues, May 27.
- The Association is rolling out an online module for adult check-in services training that will be available for the State to utilize. \*David will share the link when the module becomes available.
- The Association has also pushed for making Alzheimer's and dementia training part of continuing education for physicians. An agreement was reached between the Illinois Senate and the Illinois State Medical Society. The agreement states that any physician who sees adult patients have one-hour CEU training requirement for Alzheimer's and dementia. This agreement extends to all health care providers, including nurse practitioners, nurses, physical therapists and holistic entities. The agreement has passed senate and now will be introduced to the Illinois House of Representatives for approval the month of May.

## 6. Other News/Updates:

- Susan: Announced the dates for the Dementia Leadership (4-day course) with Leading Age Illinois (see flyer attached).
- Chrishun: Dementia Friendly America is hosting a webinar for DFA communities to introduce evaluation toolkit. The event will be held on May 6, 1:00PM, ET. See the IRCN blog page for registration information.
- Darby: NWM Alzheimer's Day is Tuesday, May 6. It is a 2-hour virtual event.
- Raj: Reviewed an Illinois funding opportunity for the ICRN that is based on Alzheimer's awareness efforts and mechanisms used to promote dementia awareness - particularly in rural and urban areas. The grant request is \$250,000 and the application is due in mid-May. He thinks that it could be an excellent opportunity to include the ICRN website or other like assets - that focus on work in these populations. Opened up for discussion to the ICRN group; the feasibility of moving forward with the application process. He also encouraged other organizations to review and possibly apply for the application on their own. **\*More information in attached and will be posted on the ICRN website.**

**Next Meeting Wednesday, May 26, 2021**