

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – May 26, 2021

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

Attendees: Chrishun B., David O., Wendy D, Bethany K., Darby M., Tarisha W., Tessa M., Elaine J.,

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Darby (NWM) (Recap of Dementia Friendly meeting May 19 – 32 attendees)

Dementia Friends Project Update

- Susan encouraged people to become a Dementia Friend through “Making a Difference May” campaign with Alzheimer’s Association. You can also donate to the campaign.
- Cayla and Fayzeh presented data on where Dementia Friends are located within communities.
 - They tracked Dementia Friends from 2017-present.
 - Currently 5,979 (both online and in-person)
 - Displayed enrollment by city (Chicago and Highland Park had highest numbers)
 - Presented word graphic derived from participants answers from a questionnaire about their thoughts about Dementia
 - Presented month break down with slower months around Winter Holiday season.

How to incorporate Dementia Friends into Dementia Friendly Community efforts

- Put the link in your signage in your email.
- The Village of Glencoe posted on Instagram and Facebook and encouraged residents to become a Dementia Friend with the link. It was also added to the link on the DFG Village page.
- Task Force members (from Dementia Friendly Springfield) have shared the link for dementia friends on their business and agency webpages.
- Group is interested in continuing to receive information about Dementia Friends numbers.

Subcommittee Groups Next Meetings

- May 25 Tuesday at 1 pm Library
- June 1 Tuesday at 1 pm Sector training
- Meeting will be rescheduled (Susan will include the new date in the newsletter)
- Can discuss creating short videos about experiences
 - Telephone work has better quality than zoom

Suggestions

Youth

- Looking for ideas on how to present Dementia Friendly information to children
- Resource from Emily
 - https://www.alz.org/help-support/resources/kids-teens/for_kids
- Ideas for elevator Speech about Dementia Speech

Dementia Friendly Communities

- West Deerfield Township has received their Dementia Friendly Community recognition! (18th community)
- There are now 18 DF communities throughout the State of Illinois.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS

- **Dementia Friends**

4,757 – In-person Dementia Friends

1221 – Online Dementia Friends

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

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

Tessa (UCH)

- Applications are due June 9 for Lorenzo's Camp, a free one day virtual summit for children of people with Younger Onset Alzheimer's. Info session on June 7. The event link is [here](#). See attached flyer or details. Also posted on the ICRN. An amazing lineup of speakers and guest appearances. We will gather an intimate group of young people to feel 'United. Heard. Inspired.' on this day.
- Save the date! Diana will also tell her story on the Lori La Bey Show, www.AlzheimersSpeaks.com, to be aired on June 3rd.
- Susan F. and Tessa M. are co-facilitating one of the sessions

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA) –

5. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE (ADAC)

Darby (NWM)

- ADAC is launching a Workforce Expansion & Training Subcommittee to improve coordination of those two efforts statewide.
- Darby along with Jessica L. are on this subcommittee.
- Meeting dates TBA

David Olsen (Alzheimer's Association – Illinois Chapter)

- Forwarded the fact sheet for the dementia capable Healthcare Providers Bill. (see attached)
- The bill unanimously passed the Senate in April and is expected to pass the House this week. If passed, Illinois will be the first state in the nation to have a comprehensive training program for physicians and providers of older adults.
- This was a joint initiative of the Alzheimer's Association and Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton.

Elaine J. (SIU)

- Area Agency has been completing their area plan, which includes questions asking what can help to make communities become more Dementia Friendly.
- Elaine has help to collect that data in addition to data collected from focus groups. Findings forthcoming at another meeting.
- Egyptian Agency has been very active. They have done a series of FB Live events in addition to some local radio and television ads promoting Dementia Friends initiatives.
- Elaine is working with Alzheimer's Association to devise strategies to implement Dementia Friends initiatives in their outreach material.

6. Other News/Updates:

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 23, 2021