

# ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – June 23, 2021

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

**Attendees:** Chrishun B., David O., Wendy D, Darby M., Tarisha W., Elaine J., Michelle N., Jessica L.,

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## 1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

**From Meeting Notes:** (Recap of Dementia Friendly meeting June 16 – 24 attendees)

### Dementia Friendly

#### Video Project:

- Looking for video entries about Dementia Friendly communities.
  - The path of getting there
  - current activities
- Looking to branch out to families and care team.
  - What has been helpful living in a Dementia Friendly community.
  - What would be helpful going forward?
- There is no deadline
- Videos don't have to be edited and can be taken on smartphone
- Susan will resend video information to group

#### Sustainability

- Organizations/people want to know what are the benefits to joining the Dementia Friendly community effort
- How can communities develop their “elevator” pitch

#### Sector Training

- Sector training scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup>, may have to be rescheduled

#### Library

- Survey monkey was distributed to discuss current activities

- Libraries can share upcoming activities information that can be posted on ICRN page
- Currently reviewing “A Guide to Quality Care from the Perspectives of People Living with Dementia” to share with other libraries.

### **Dementia Friendly Communities**

- Austin Community is ready to submit their application to National
- West Deerfield Township has received their Dementia Friendly Community recognition! (18th community)
- There are currently 18 DF communities throughout the State of Illinois.

## **2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS**

- 4793 friends from in-person talks
- 1383 friends from online sign-ups
- Make a Difference in May Campaign – 106 online friends and raised \$1,520 for the Alzheimer’s Association
- Champions training postponed for this month
- Speaking for a FEMA Office of Disability and Integration Disability Stakeholder call. Around 300 on the call and email list of 3,000. Will be encouraging the group to become a Dementia Friend online.

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

### **Wendy (Age Options)**

- Has been attending DF Oak Park meetings
- They created work groups to have more focused meetings
- Wendy is part of the Community Engagement work group. Will keep us updated with activities.

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

- CATCH-ON is finishing their second year – which officially ends on June 30.
- They have received their notice of funding to continue work in the third year.

- Mary Zonzius and Suzanne Mussel have been doing virtual workshops for community members, professionals and students. Topics are focusing on memory loss and aging. They will also be doing a speech and language workshop with a Pathology class @Rush

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

#### **5. ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE (ADAC)**

##### **Jessica (IDPH)**

- Is part of the ADAC work group Workforce Expansion and Training Work Group. They will start meeting to strategize how to coordinate trainings for the State. The group will meet monthly starting in July.
- ADAC also appointed another work group to strategize how to start aligning monies with the strategic state plan goals and other initiatives. (Also mentioned by David O. below).
- The NOFO for Alzheimer’s Awareness Project is in the award stage. They are working on a grant agreement to get the project going. More information to come next month.

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

- There was another work group formed by ADAC to discuss plans for current trainings and to make plans to utilize the additional \$1million awarded to implement the Alzheimer’s State Plan.
- The Alzheimer’s Association is pleased with this legislative session – which prioritized Alzheimer’s and Dementia initiatives. They will continue to work with Lt. Governor Stratton to move policies forward and work with Governor Pritzker to implement plans for continued education for health care providers working with older adults called the Health Care Provider Bill.
- Illinois is the first state in the nation to have a comprehensive training program for physicians and providers of older adults.
- The Alzheimer’s Association is appreciative to all who participated in the Longest Day – which was Sunday, June 20.

## Elaine J. (SIU)

- Formed a collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association to provide a Caregiver Education series. Starting in July, these will be monthly sessions providing caregiver resources and information. They will be using GWEP training modules that were developed for the Age Friendly Health System mental health education series. These sessions will be available through Zoom. One session is for professionals and one is for lay people. The lay version will be through the Alzheimer's Association.
- The professional sessions may take place during two upcoming conferences that are in the planning stages with the Alzheimer's Association. More info TBA.
- These trainings are also part of the CATCH-ON series. Michelle N. provided the following links:
  - <http://catch-on.org/>
  - Link for modules: <https://www.catch-onlearn.com/lms/portal/account/index.php?ca=admin&>
  - Videos for community members: <http://catch-on.org/oaf-home/oaf-online-education/>

## 6. Other News/Updates:

**Next Meeting Wednesday, June 28, 2021**