

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

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

**Attendees:** Raj S., Chrishun B., David O., Wendy D, Darby M., Susan F., Elaine J., Jessica L., Ashlee D.

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## 1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

### **Susan:**

- 18 communities designated
- Several communities and areas working on steps towards recognition. Including new AAA (Area Agencies on Aging) Service Areas (areas 3 &4).
- New application created by national and has been shared through website and emails
- Monthly meeting and sub-committees continue (dates TBA)

### **Darby M.** (Recap of Dementia Friendly meeting July 21 – 18 attendees)

- Jamie Urbanic from the South Loop community talked about doing a dementia friends (DF) talk with a neighborhood Youth Corp., as well as the Oak Wood Shores community.
- Victoria Russo from Chicago AAA gave an update on the building manager grant. So far, 68 management companies have done DF trainings with their building managers offered through the UIC training module. They estimate that over 33,000 people have used the self-directed training modules through the UIC website.
- Monica Long from SHARE Network with the University of Chicago is doing a champions training. Additionally, they are also offering five caregiver support groups.
- Shelia Gruel from East Central Illinois is starting to work with Danville in Decatur, IL.
- Matt Yei, from the Area 4 AAA in Peoria announced that they are in the beginning stages of the application process and that they are developing a three-year plan to support their DF goals and initiatives.

### **Jessica L.**

- Emily from Glencoe announced that they are working with the police to do wellness and safety checks for people with dementia living in the community.

- Michael B. from Health & Medicine Policy Research Group will be giving a presentation in August about Age Friendly communities.
- Sandy Pastori is going to be speaking at next month's DF IL meeting to talk about workforce development in aging throughout the State of Illinois. This is interesting and on the radar of public health because it incorporates all aspects of aging - including safety, dementia awareness and public safety.

### **Raj**

- Talked about the state and city efforts (including a specialized Aging Committee in Chicago), to incorporate Age Friendly and Dementia Friendly goals and initiatives and how each group can learn from each other through the sharing of resources.
- The ICRN has seed funds in reserve to support AAA's, rural areas and communities of color to help them get started in developing plans to become a DF community. There is an application process. Contact Tarisha Washington for the application process. These funds can support a variety of activities including supplies, coordinating and supporting multi-sector group meetings to get the conversation started. Susan F. will add a short explanation to the ICRN website.

### **Susan**

- Susan is now receiving short video clips of different communities sharing their experiences on what it is like to apply for Dementia Friendly recognition from National. Dementia Friendly Hyde Park, Westmont and the Without Warning support group are among those who are sharing videos. The clips will be turned into vignettes and shared on the ICRN website under community resources.

## **2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS**

- Total Friends – 6,254
  - 4,871 friends from in-person talks
  - 1,383 from online sign-ups
- Will be encouraging organizations to include Dementia Friends online sign-ups are part of their onboarding of new staff.
  - Raj encouraged other organizations to add dementia friendly training as part of their hiring process. These trainings would be credited as part of online trainings for each organization. Susan will add instructions to the ICRN website to help people get started.
- In person talks are slowing beginning but virtual presentations still remain an option
- 116 Champions
- National is currently at 97,000 Dementia Friends

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

#### **Raj**

- Darby - Share Network at UIC is on target.
- CATCH-ON is progressing with goals and efforts.
- Attended the quarterly ADRD meeting, discussions included:
  - Train the trainer for health professionals (dementia care) and nursing students.
  - Share with DF communities who have colleges in their areas who teach nursing care courses and incorporating the Dementia training modules in their coursework.
- The Alzheimer's Association and IAFP (Illinois Academy of Family Physicians) also have training modules that can be accessed for training opportunities.

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

#### **Darby & Raj**

- Dementia Capable ACL grants are all up to date.
- Chicago AAA's are utilizing funds to do the building management trainings as well as Savvy Caregiver express trainings.
- Another ACL grant was awarded to the Chinese American Service League (CASL) to support their Alzheimer's Project. CASL is having their first event on August 4.
- If states have already received an ACL grant for Dementia outreach efforts there are still funds on a community level to support dementia friendly efforts. We need to increase efforts to make those grant opportunities known to community organizations. Darby & Susan will work on this project.

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

#### **Raj**

- Discussed the competencies from training programs for direct providers of care. These competencies are part of the 3-year Alzheimer's State Plan.

- The competencies were last updated in 2018. Raj is sharing with the group to give everybody a chance to review and make any suggestions for changing and/or updating. The goal is to make sure that the competencies are still relevant. (See attachment).
- All edits should be forwarded to Chrishun.
- These competencies can also be found on the IDPH website under Alzheimer's disease in a PDF format.

### **Jessica (IDPH)**

- Two workgroups have been established
  - Workforce Training workgroup had their second meeting, which discussed goals and core competencies. One of their goals is to provide guidance to the State on core components and foundational components of training programs. The next step will be looking at workforce expansion and tying it into the Strategic State Plan.
  - Budget workgroup (will start to meet late August). The State of Illinois has release \$1M in general revenue funds. ADAC approved a workgroup who will work to decide how to allocate funds. Funds have to be used by June 30, 2022.

### **6. Other News/Updates:**

- There is a small team at the RADC who is evaluating the usability of the ICRN website as a whole as well as the quality of content that is posted.
- Working with the site builder to review SEO analytics.
- Wendy joined the Community Engagement Work Group for the Dementia Friendly Action Team. These workgroups will begin meeting in September. Updates forthcoming.
- Elaine J. – Carterville AAA has started a memory café that will begin meeting in August. Carterville is also continuing their work to become a dementia friendly community.

**Next Meeting Wednesday, August 25, 2021**