

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – September 22, 2021

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

Attendees: Raj S., Chrishun B., Darby M., Susan F., Jessica L., Michelle N., Debbie K., Tarisha W., Elaine J.

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Darby M. (NWM) (Recap of Dementia Friendly meeting September 15, 2021 (24 attendees))

Excerpt from meeting notes:

Victoria Russo, MGS, PhD, Supervisor-Senior Services for the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services discussed the City of Chicago's Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI) Grant from the Administration on Community Living. ADPI grants promote the development and expansion of dementia-capable home and community-based services systems in states and communities.

- Goals are to provide dementia services for people who need it and people who are isolated.
- Savvy Caregiver online program provides 12 hours of training
 - Apartment Manager Training: A Cooperative Program with University of Illinois Chicago and Northwestern University
 - Train managers on signs and symptoms of dementia and refer to DFSS
 - Online learning module will be accessible 24/7 in the late Fall 2021
 - Brain Health Basics-online program "Looking for Ways to Give your Brain a Boost" September 29, 2021 10:30am-11:30

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friendly Recap

- 18 designated communities
- 1 application submitted (Austin)

- Several communities working on application
- Kick-off meeting in Tinley Park this morning
- First Dementia Friendly video created
- Several communities working on video clips to submit
- Sub-committees meeting every other month
- Meeting with Chicago Area Agency on Aging to continue to explore ideas to help Chicago become Dementia Friendly.
- Dementia Friendly business cards are being printed. Disbursement information TBA.

Raj (RUSH)

- Encouraged ICRN leadership to continue to explore look for connector points and opportunities for the ICRN to be supportive of organizations and community groups looking to advance their Dementia Friendly activities and efforts.
- It is the responsibility of the ICRN to make sure that we continue to educate local businesses on the training expectations and the responsibilities of labeling themselves as a “Dementia Friendly” business. For example, there is an expectation that Dementia Friendly businesses adhere to requirements and commitments to educate and provide Dementia Friendly training to their employees.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS (Susan)

- 5,065 Dementia Friends from in-person talks
- 1,383 Dementia Friends from on-line sign-ups
- 117 Dementia Champions
- Dementia Champions training Friday, September 24

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

Michelle (RUSH)

- Continuing to promote their modules in education sessions.
- Working with UIC and University of Chicago to reconnect with GWEP's

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)

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

Jessica (IDPH)

- The ADAC Strategic Budget workgroup has completed recommendations for the FY22 GRF funds allocated to the IDPH Dementia program.
- These projects will be released as competitive Notice Of Funding Opportunities by the end of 2021, with the project periods likely to be 6-7 months.
- The Workforce Expansion & Training Workgroup will meet again this week to begin identifying actions steps related to the strategic state plan workforce objectives.
- The ADAC bi-annual meeting is coming up on October 18, 2021.

Raj (RUSH)

- **Discussion:** How the ICRN can connect with community health workers who are already in the field addressing public health issues, to become Dementia Friends/Champions. Suggested that we develop a flyer with the steps laid out on how you can become a Dementia Friend and/or Champion. Susan said that there is already a flyer for Dementia Friends. Will work on a Dementia Champion flyer that can be distributed to organizations for community health workers. **See attached PDF:** CHW Resource for Healthy Aging and Addressing Dementia

- Talked about the State of California allocating \$25 million to support Alzheimer’s initiatives statewide. They created a report for the California State Plan (which aligns very closely to the Illinois State Plan), listing the top ten priorities in their plan.

Links to full report:

<https://capitolweekly.net/california-takes-lead-in-fight-against-alzheimers/>

http://caalztaskforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2020-Alzheimers-Report_201118.pdf

6. Other News/Updates:

Elaine J. (SIU)

Becky Salazar from our S. IL. Area Agency on Aging spoke at the Carterville Rotary on 9/22/21 promoting "Dementia Friendly Carterville". The EAAA is targeting Carterville and Carbondale to be Dementia Friendly communities.

We are also working on a strategy to promote all staff in the SIU Family Medicine clinics to become Dementia Friends (part of Dementia Friendly Carbondale). Becky is also going to speak to one of my MSW classes next week and walk through the Dementia Friends training with them to recruit them as friends next Monday (9/27).

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 27, 2021