

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – January 26, 2022

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

Attendees: Raj S., Chrishun B., Darby M., Susan F., Jessica L., Elaine J.; Jeff B.; Wendy D., David O.; Debbie K.; Tarisha W.;

***Welcome new member: Jeffery Barnes, LSW, and Grants Manager – Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging (jbarnes@nwilaaa.org)**

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Darby M. (NWM) (Recap of Dementia Friendly meeting January 19, 2022 (28 attendees))

- Jessica Link (IDPH) presented the State's Core Competencies to the group.
- Members from all three Illinois GWEPs (Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program) were in attendance to give presentations on their work. Monica Long from University of Chicago, presented on the SHARE Network GWEP. Next was a presentation from University of Illinois Chicago's Engage Illinois GWEP. The group ran out of time for the third presentation so the RUSH GWEP will present next month. Darby will share slides from the presentation.
- Darby talked about inviting the leaders from all three GWEPs to attend next months meeting. Raj concurred.

Raj S. Gave an overview of the GWEPs for newcomers:

- A workforce development grant funded by HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration)
- Three in the State of Illinois
 - University of Chicago
 - University of Illinois
 - RUSH, Southern Illinois University and NWM

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friendly

- Currently at 19 communities
- Barrington has submitted and waiting to hear
- Carterville submitted their application
- Several communities working on application
- Sub-committees meet every other month. Library group met in January. Sustainability will be meeting shortly.
- Susan received a request from Streamwood Library to give a Dementia Friendly presentation to a staff of 80 people. They are also interested in putting together a list of ideas to help libraries increase dementia awareness to employees and patrons.
Date for talk TBA
- Combined Sector and Sustainability subgroups into one group because of their commonalities.

Karen G. (RUSH)

Update on Washington Heights (Chicago) DF application activities:

The planning committee began meeting late last year. We have 14 members, some of whom are current and former caregivers as well as a faith institution, and three academic medical centers. The Alzheimer's Association is also one of our members. We have created a draft proposal that we plan to share with our committee in a couple of weeks. Currently, we are accepting letters of support.

Raj S.

- Shared national DF statistics
 - There are currently 530 DF communities across the U.S. If you averaged that out, that would be about 10 -11 communities per state.
 - Illinois has 19 DF communities, with two in 2 in the pipeline. That brings us to 21 DF communities, which places Illinois in the top ten states in the country setting up DF communities.
- Working with two MPH interns from DePaul University who are doing their practicum at Rush. One of their projects is looking at the number of DF communities, Dementia Friends, and the population covered by those communities. They are working

on a report to present to the DF community group. The 21 communities that we have covers about 1.2 million people. Illinois population is around 10 million. Therefore, we are currently covering about 10 percent of Illinois' population.

Wendy D. (Age Options)

- Oak Park is helping Tinley Park with their application process

Jeffery B. (NWILAAA)

- One county has a Memory Café for the past five years
- Another county is working on putting together their own Dementia Friendly program this fiscal year.
- Raj offered ICRN as a resource to help get them started

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS

Susan F.

- 7,085 Total Dementia Friends
 - 5507 from in-person talks
 - 1587 from online sign-ups
- 129 people trained as Champions
- Dementia Champion training January 28
- The DePaul interns are also compiling a list of where the bulk of the online sign-ups are coming in.

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

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)

5. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE - Jessica L. (IDPH) (ADAC)

- Jessica reported that all seats on the ADAC (Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee) are now full.

- 17 voting members and 5 non-voting members appointed
- Will meet a minimum of two times per year.

(IDPH)

- There are two NOFO's for IDPH Grants FY 22
- Both are for Early Detection
 - One is a campaign
 - One is a physician training
- Both are still in the approval process. They were slated to start February 1, 2022
- Hoping to have an official announcement within the next few weeks.

6. Other News/Updates:

Chrishun B. (RUSH)

- Request for ICRN partners to submit content to post on the ICRN blog, particularly for these four groups: African Americans, Latinos, Young Onset and Rural

Debbie K. (SIU Med)

- Planning an in-person Spring Conference. (Location and time TBA)
 - Wednesday, May 4 - Professional day
 - Thursday, May 5 – Community day

Tarisha W. (RUSH)

- Working with Karen in Washington Heights and working with a police officer in Englewood to start DF process.

David O. (Alzheimer's Association)

- Sent the final version of the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Policy Priorities (see attached)

Next Meeting Wednesday, February 23, 2022