

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – April 27, 2022

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

Attendees: Raj S., Chrishun B., Susan F., Elaine J., Michelle N., Darby M.; Tarisha W., Karen G., Tessa M., Jeffery B.

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Darby M. & Susan F. (NWM & RUSH) (Recap of Dementia Friendly meeting April 20, 2022 (23 attendees))

- Susan Frick gave a presentation about the new ICRN website and Dementia Friends.
- There two application spending approval with Dementia Friendly America (DFA) for Effingham, IL, and Washington Heights, Chicago.
- A meeting is being planned for Decatur, IL. They are hoping to submit an application to DFA this summer for service area 5.

Karen Graham (Rush)

- Dementia Friendly Washington Heights has turned in its application and are waiting for an acceptance or a need to change the proposal. At our April meeting, all of our attendees officially became Dementia Friends. We wanted to say a special thank you to Tarisha Washington for an outstanding talk.

Raj (Rush)

- Reminded the group that there are start-up funds available to help support communities who are starting the application process to be a nationally designated DF community.

Susan F. (RUSH)

- 21 designated communities with 2 applications submitted to national for approval
- Monthly general meeting and sub-committee meetings continue
- Library sub-committee meeting was featured in regional library association newsletter which has increased interest

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS

Susan F.

- 7,193 – total Dementia Friends
- 5,615 – Dementia Friends from in-person talks
- 1,578 – Dementia Friends from online sign-ups
- 153 – Dementia Champions
- Will have Make a Difference in May to encourage Dementia Friends
- Information about Dementia Friends was shared during a TEDx talk on Loneliness and Alzheimer’s Disease this weekend at Elmhurst University

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

Tessa M. (UC Medicine/SHARE Network)

- Announced the premiere screening of Lorenzo’s House documentary, *Shifting the Narrative: The Story of Lorenzo's House to be held on Tuesday, May 3rd from 5pm - 6pm CDT*. Following the short documentary will be a panel discussion comprised of carepartner families and experts from [UChicago Medicine - The Memory Center](#), [Northwestern Medicine - Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease](#), [Advocate Aurora Health - Advocate Memory Center](#), [RUSH University Medical - Alzheimer's Disease Center](#), and [Embodied Labs](#) - who will exchange insights about the challenges and hopes for families living with younger-onset Alzheimer's and other dementias. Dr. Neelum Aggarwal from Rush will be speaking and Darby Morhardt from NWM is the moderator.

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)

5. ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE –

Jessica L. (IDPH)

- 1.) An RFP opportunity was released by IPHA on Monday to apply to become a subgrantee for the Alzheimer’s Disease Early Detection & Awareness Campaign IDPH grant (please see below & I’ve attached the IPHA application). Due 5/9/22. In addition, there is an opportunity to join the IPHA Advisory Board for this project (on a voluntary basis) by submitting some brief information (see below), also due 5/9/22. Zohaib Zahir at zzahir@ipha.com at IPHA is the contact for submissions & questions. Please disseminate as appropriate.
- 2.) The Alzheimer’s Disease Advisory Committee met at SIU Medicine Smith Alzheimer’s Center last Thursday 4/21 for the Spring Biannual meeting. New members were introduced, updates were given on BRFSS data, the 3 IDPH Alzheimer’s grant programs were described by grantees, and members discussed drafting plans for the next Alzheimer’s Disease State Plan update, which will cover years 2023-2026.

6. Other News/Updates:

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)

1. The three Alzheimer's Association legislative initiatives I shared on previous call were all passed by both houses of the Illinois General Assembly, and are heading to the Governor's desk for signature. As a reminder, these bills are SB2993 (removes the sunset for annual dementia training requirements in nursing homes, home health, and other providers offering dementia services), SB3707 (requires all CCP direct-service workers receive 2 hours of annual dementia training), and HB4388 (requires all paramedics & EMTs receive at least 1 hour of dementia training prior to license renewal).
2. The \$10 million in annual Alzheimer's research funding to the Alzheimer's disease research centers provided through the hospital assessment legislation was renewed.
3. IDPH received \$2 million in funding for Alzheimer's initiatives in the FY2023 adopted budget.

If anyone has questions, they should feel free to reach out to me via e-mail or phone.

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 25, 2022