

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – September 28, 2022

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

Attendees: Raj S., Chrishun B., Susan F., Tarisha W., Elaine J.,

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS (Recap of September 21 meeting)

Darby M. (NWM)

Dementia Friendly Decatur

- October 11th –Will hold a conference at the Decatur Scoville Zoo. Working to provide education to help the zoo become more dementia friendly
- Conference to include talk by persons living with dementia and caregivers
- Will have meeting to discuss sustainability

Hyde Park

- Collaborating with AgeGuide
- Working on information for Dementia Friendly outreach for business

Evanston

- Partnering with city for emergency preparedness in October and will bring in resources for people with Dementia and caregivers.
- The website is still being consistently updated

Uptown/Andersonville/Rogers Park/Edgewater – Dementia Friendly UARE

- Meeting once a month
- Looking for people with dementia to join task force
- Will share information about church offering Dementia Friendly service

Washington Heights

- DFSS Savvy caregiver classes - October
- Caregiver conference – November
- Holiday Singalong - December

South Loop

- November 17 - Dementia Friends training at 1st district police department

Tarisha W. (RUSH)

- Met with representative from La Brocha regarding Little Village and Pilsen beginning the DF application process.
- The group is working on hosting their Dementia Friendly kick-off meeting in October

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friendly Update:

- Currently at 25 communities
- A couple communities are working on application
- Will recognize November as Dementia Friendly Illinois month.

Karen G. (RUSH)

- The dates have been set for our hybrid caregiver conference at Woodson Library and online: November 19.
- We have also set the date for our virtual holiday sing-along: December 10. Both are scheduled on Saturdays so that more people are able to attend.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS

Susan F.

- 8,081- Total Dementia Friends for Illinois
- 6,250 – Friends from in-person talks

- 1.831 – online sign-ups
- 173 people have agreed to be a Champion (A few people have opted out and now 167 people are currently part of the Dementia Champions email blast.)
- Provided Champion training for Illinois Adult Day Care Association

3. ILLINOIS HRSA GWEP/ADRD

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)

5. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Raj S.

- The group is currently working on the 2023-2026 State Plan. One of the key initiatives highlighted in this Plan will be Workforce Development for Older Adults.
 - How to provide training for workers
 - Sustainability of workers
 - Retention of workers in the field
- Rush will host the October ADAC meeting

6. Other News/Updates:

- Group Discussion: Based on feedback from ICRN website users that the Now Pow search engine is confusing and too broad in search results, it was decided that the Now Pow contract will not be renewed. Dr. Shah has made some suggestions for replacement search engines. The group will start evaluating these and other options to determine which would be most effective for ICRN purposes.

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 26, 2022