

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – February 22, 2023

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

Attendees: Raj S., Chrishun B., Susan F., Tarisha W., Darby M., Jeffery B., Shanna S., Danielle D., David O., Heather C., Joy D.; Rush Practicum Students

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Darby M. (NWM) Dementia Friendly Meeting Recap (February 15)

- 30 people attended the meeting
- Jessica L. from IDPH was the guest speaker – giving an overview of her role as the State Dementia Coordinator and an update on the status of the State Plan.
- A number of the attendees are community leaders and are looking for avenues and opportunities to promote dementia advocacy.
 - David from the Alzheimer’s Association offered to be a guest speaker at one of the upcoming meetings to discuss the association’s policies and how they can get involved.
- There was a group discussion on the best ways to create, staff and sustain Memory Cafes.
 - Raj suggested that this could be an opportunity for peer sharing, i.e. DF Naperville or other communities that have been successful in this area, could attend the meeting and share tips and ideas.

Rockford, IL (update)

- Heather and Joy attended from the Rockford community to give an update on their activities to become a DF community.
- They are still in the beginning stages of the application process.
- Looking for resources and ideas to help get them started.
 - Susan F. offered assistance and invited them to attend the next Dementia Friendly monthly meeting - where they are sure to connect to people and resources.
 - They were also informed about start-up funds from the CATCH-ON grant and the application process.
 - Tarisha will email Heather the application information.
 - Raj encouraged the group to start recruiting task force members to go through the Dementia Friends training and connect with the Libraries in their communities.

Susan F. (RUSH)

- 26 communities (Princeton, IL is the newest community)
- Continue monthly meeting and sub-committee meetings
- Attended the kick-off meeting for the Quad City (Iowa/Illinois)
- The Dementia Friendly newsletter is currently being distributed to 514 subscribers.

Tarisha W. (RUSH)**Chicagoland:**

- Pilsen/Little Village task force is working on DF application and applied for DF funding.
- West Pullman task force is working on DF application and applied for DF funding. Having a meeting at the Kroc Center in April.
- Englewood still working on building DF taskforce

Rush Practicum Students

- Working on Interview Guides for audio interview snippet project – which will be posted on ICRN website.
- Designing questions for interviewees that are broad ranging and centered around their personal experience(s) with dementia.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS**Susan F. (RUSH)**

- 9,142 Total Dementia Friends
- 7,199 Dementia Friends from in-person talks
- 1,943 Dementia Friends from online sign-ups
- 189 have become a Dementia Champion

3. ILLINOIS HRSA GWEP/ADRD**Tarisha W. (RUSH)**

- Gave an overview of start-up funds available through CATCH-ON grant.
- \$2,500 grants available for communities to fund application activities that cover expenses associated with printing, fees, and meeting activities.

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)

5. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Shanna S. (IDPH)

- New Alzheimer's State Plan & Annual Dementia Capability Report released and published on the IDPH Alzheimer's page: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/alzheimers.html>
- Working on the Healthy Brain Newsletter, which will debut in March.
- Gave an update on the State's Bold Act application that is due on March 23, 2023.
- Application highlights: Implementation, primary care and educating the public and professionals.

David O. (Alzheimer's Association)

Provided Alzheimer's Association legislative initiatives and fact sheets for:

- Equity of Senior Services in CCP (Community Care Program)
- Senate Bill 216: Guardian Training to Protect the Most Vulnerable
- Equitable Access to Alzheimer's Diagnosis and Care Planning

(See attached documents)

6. Other News/Updates:

- Stay tuned for updates to ICRN website, which include:
 - A new message video from Dr. Shah
 - Link to Chicago 211 will replace NowPow search engine
 - Dementia Friends and Dementia Friendly sections will be featured more prominently on home page
 - Video snippets (interviews conducted by Rush practicum students) of people in the community discussing their experiences with dementia
 - Add Asian and/or LGBTQ sections.

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 22, 2023