

# ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – March 22, 2023

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

**Attendees:** Raj S., Chrishun B., Susan F., Darby M., Shanna S., David O., Jessica L.

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## 1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

### Susan F. (RUSH)

#### Dementia Friendly

- 26 nationally designated Dementia Friendly communities
- Meeting with community leads in both Rockford and St. Louis
- Monthly meeting focused on memory cafes
- Sub-committee groups still meeting every other month
- Dementia Champion training Friday, 3/24/23 @ 10:00 AM

#### Table-top Signage:

The ICRN is currently working on designing and ordering table-top projector signs that will be distributed to Dementia Friendly communities throughout Illinois. These signs can be displayed on their information tables for community events. More information to come.

### Raj (RUSH)

#### Video Project:

The Rush Practicum students are currently working on a video project where they will interview Dementia Friendly community members and leaders about their experiences with dementia and how they cope. The students are currently working on a questionnaire that they will use to interview participants. These interview snippets will be highlighted on the ICRN website.

## **2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS**

**Susan F. (RUSH)**

### **Dementia Friends**

- 9,414 – Total Dementia Friends
- 7,384 – Friends from in-person talks
- 2,030 – Friends from online sign-ups
- 204 – People who have gone through Dementia Champions training
- Next Champion training this Friday at 10:00

## **3. ILLINOIS HRSA GWEP/ADRD**

## **4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)**

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

**Jessica L. (IDPH)**

- The State's Bold Act grant application was submitted on March 20, 2023. Response expected by September, 2023.
- As part of the Healthy Brain Initiative, IDPH has created They Healthy Brain Newsletter. This will be a quarterly publication. The goal of this newsletter is to deliver trusted information and education about brain health, healthy aging, caregiver support and community resources and events throughout Illinois. Go [here](#) to sign up to receive the newsletter.
- Organizations interested in having their events/brain health news highlighted in the newsletter should email: [DPH.BrainHealth@Illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.BrainHealth@Illinois.gov).
- ADAC's Spring meeting will be held on Friday, April 21, from 9:00am – 12pm.

**David O. (Alzheimer's Association)**

- Alzheimer's Association's 2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report has been released. Visit the Alzheimer's Association's website to download your copy.
  - Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter's Week of Action kicks off Monday, April 21.

- Most events will be virtual on Zoom
- Click [here](#) to register
- Legislative priorities include:
  - Guardian Training
  - Medicaid billing code

#### **6. Other News/Updates:**

- Northwestern Memorial Mesulam Center will host its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Alzheimer Day on Thursday, May 11 from 9:00 am – 2:30pm. Register at: [brain.northwestern.edu/RSVP](http://brain.northwestern.edu/RSVP)
- The ICRN will have a table at the event

**Next Meeting Wednesday, April 26, 2023**