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.

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

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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.
- 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 29th Annual Alzheimer Day on Thursday, May 11 from 9:00 am – 2:30pm. Register at: brain.northwestern.edu/RSVP
  • The ICRN will have a table at the event

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 26, 2023