

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – May 24, 2023

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

Attendees: Raj S., Chrishun B., Susan F., Tarisha W., Shanna S., Jessica L., Elaine J., Darby M.

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Dementia Friendly Illinois Meeting Update (April 19, 2023)

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friendly

- 26 communities
- Represented ICRN and Dementia Friendly at Northwestern's Alzheimer's Day
- Table Banners for Dementia Friendly communities have been ordered
- ICRN magnets and pens are available and have been mailed to interested communities

Darby M. (NWM)

- Met with Skyline Village near Streeterville to have an exploratory talk with members about starting the application process to become a Dementia Friendly community. Will continue the conversation and support efforts.

Tarisha W. (RUSH)

- Still working with Englewood Dementia Friendly task force. Confident they will be ready to submit their application to National in the next few weeks.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friends

- As of Thursday, May 25, we reached the 10,000 milestone for Dementia Friends! Congratulations!
- 7,661 – in-person talks
- 2,030 – online (updated last in February)
- 213 Champions
- Business cards have been developed - which share how to become a Dementia Friend online

3. ILLINOIS HRSA GWEP/ADRD

CATCH-ON

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. The group reviewed design options and selected a final design. **The order is complete and the signs are in shipment. More information to come on distribution.**

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)

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

Jessica L. (IDPH)

- Please see the [Illinois Catalog of State Financial Assistance](#) to browse a list of current funding opportunities, particularly those under the IDPH dementia program.
 - A current opportunity is posted to develop an Emergency Medical Personnel Dementia Core Curriculum to be used for developing high quality dementia training for the EMS systems throughout Illinois. Applications are due May 30 and candidates are required to involve subject matter expertise from both the EMS and dementia fields.
 - A new funding opportunity will be posting within the next week.
- The Illinois Department of Public Health Dementia Program in the Office of Health Promotion has created The Healthy Brain Newsletter to deliver trusted information and education about healthy cognitive aging, ways to support brain health, dementia caregiver support,

and other relevant highlights including community resources and events throughout Illinois. You can sign up to receive The Healthy Brain Newsletter [here](#)! The inaugural issue was released April 18: [IDPH Healthy Brain Newsletter Qtr1 2023](#).

David O. (Alzheimer's Association)

- The Guardian Dementia Training legislation (SB216) has now passed both the House and Senate and is headed to the Governor's desk!
- The legislature remains in session - missing its original adjournment deadline - as it continues to consider the upcoming FY budget and other legislation, including a Medicaid package. The Alzheimer's Association continues to urge support for dementia-specific funding at IDPH in the final budget, as well as press for the inclusion of the 99483 Cognitive Impairment Diagnosis and Care Planning billing code in Illinois Medicaid.
- The legislature aims to conclude their session by Friday, May 26

6. Other News/Updates:

Elaine J. (SIU)

- SIU Caregiver Conference Thursday, May 11, had a good turnout with 90 people in-person and via Zoom.

Next Meeting TBA