

# ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – August 23, 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., David O., Jeff B,

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## 1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

### Dementia Friendly Illinois Meeting Update (April 19, 2023)

**Susan F. (RUSH)**

#### Dementia Friendly

- 26 communities
- Application for Geneseo submitted but needs some revisions before submitting to National
- Several communities in the application process at various stages
- Spoke at a First Responders Conference in Rock Island

Recap: Dementia Friendly Meeting – “August 16, 2023

- 26 in attendance
- Many people who were not part of a Dementia Friendly Community
- Conversation on how to evaluate the Dementia Friends talk
  - Discussed the difference between a paper form or having a QR code for an online evaluation

**Tarisha W. (RUSH)**

- The Dementia Friendly movement in Englewood gained a lot of momentum from the Englewood Community Health Fair, held at West Englewood Library, Friday, August 18. The Chair of the Englewood Task Force was in attendance and very much engaged in moving forward with their application process.
- West Englewood Library also renewed their commitment to the effort.

- The Pullman community is still working on their application. The task force met on Friday, August 18. They have also expressed interest in starting a memory café.

### **Jeffery B. (NWILAAA)**

- Winnebago County – City of Rockford has started a series of roundtable discussions to work on their DF application. They plan to meet monthly to complete the process.
- Moultrie County – Area 5 is also working on their DF application.

## **2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS**

### **Susan F. (RUSH)**

#### **Dementia Friends**

- 10, 265 - Total Friends
- 8,140 - in-person talks
- 2,125 - online signups (as of end of May)
- 222 - Dementia Champions (Six from last week - from Carbondale, Springfield, Rockford and Naperville)

#### **Discussions:**

- Group discussion on how we can encourage Champions and Dementia Friendly communities to remain active and hold them to a standard. The expectation is that Champions will do at least three talks per year. The topic will be revisited next year – as the ICRN has taken into consideration the adjustment to post-pandemic activity.
- The ICRN is interested in developing recognition program for active Champions and Dementia Friendly Communities to show support and appreciation.
- How do we re-engage and support DF communities whose activities have waned because of varied reasons, including post-pandemic, change in or loss of leadership.

### **3. ILLINOIS HRSA GWEP/ADRD CATCH-ON**

#### **Raj S. (RUSH)**

- HRSA GWEP in its 4<sup>th</sup> year
- Tarisha Washington is working with CATCH On trainers Suzanne and Nicole to discuss CATCH ON trainings and GWEP deliverables for next year. Dementia training for professionals is one of their prioritizations.
- Raj is a co-host of The Brain Trust Project, a podcast that teaches professionals about early detection and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. He will meet with Elaine J. (SIU) to guest spot on her SIU podcast to discuss Brain Trust.
- The Brain Trust Project is funded by a 5yr philanthropic grant from the Knight Foundation. Listen to episodes: <https://thebraintrustproject.com/>.

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

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

#### **Jessica L. (IDPH)**

- The Illinois Department of Public Health has officially been awarded CDC federal funding for the "BOLD Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. This is a 5-year grant, with YR1 running from September 30, 2023--September 29, 2024.
- There is a new IDPH Dementia grant program—"Dementia Early Planning Workshop Series for Diverse Populations" that is currently posted for applicants and due 8.28.23.
- IDOA & the AAAs will be including dementia specific questions during their series of caregiver roundtables that will begin this week.
- The Alzheimer's Association just released a new interactive online public health curriculum that is available through their e-learning platform:  
[Health Equity in Dementia — Using a Public Health Lens to Advance Health Equity in Alzheimer's and Other Dementia](#)

### **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 Association is pleased that several their initiatives were signed into law this past legislative session.
- David is currently doing research to develop ideas for new policies.

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

**Next Meeting Wednesday, TBA**