

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,

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Dementia Friendly Illinois Meeting Update (April 19, 2023)

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friendly

- 26 communities
- Dementia Friendly Rockford has their kick-off meeting and I (Susan) presented.
- Will be attending an event for 100 first responders hosted by Geneseo at Augustana College this Friday.
- Presenting a webinar of Dementia Friendly Illinois for LeadingAge members on Aug 10th

Darby M. (NWM)

- Recap: Dementia Friendly Meeting – July 19, 2023
 - 20 attendees
 - Emily from DF Glencoe introduced Zinnia TV, therapeutic tv for people with dementia. A representative from the company gave a demonstration to the group.
 - Go to zinniatv.com for more information.
 - Decatur has completed the assessment and are ready to submit their application to National.
 - DF Westmont expressed interest in starting dementia memory cafés.
 - DF Washinton Heights teaming up with Oak Street Health to put together a memory café.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS

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Dementia Friends

- 10,200 Total Dementia Friends
- 8,075 – In-person talks
- 2,125 – Online sign-ups
- 216 – Dementia Champions
- Dementia Champion training was held on 7/25.

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 a 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

- **Table-top Signage:** The ICRN is distributing the table-top projector signs.
- ICRN swag (pens, magnets) is being re-ordered.
- Chrishun will add DF QR code on the back of the “Be Patient” cards.
- DF Westmont Chief of Police is working on a photo collage on the face of dementia, showcasing people in the community who are living with dementia.

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)

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

Jessica L. (IDPH)

- 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. They are still looking for more subscribers. Chrishun will repost a blurb on ICRN. Jessica will send a blurb. You can sign up to receive The Healthy Brain Newsletter [here!](#) The inaugural issue was released April 18: [IDPH Healthy Brain Newsletter Qtr1 2023](#).
- Window to apply for the Dementia Early Planning NOFO has been extended another 30 days. Jessica will send a blurb to Chrishun to post on ICRN.

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 of 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:

Elaine J. (SIU)

- SIU doing a dementia talk at Pioneer Coalition for residents on August 31.
- Elaine also does a podcast: Dare to Care. Goal to improve provider care.

Next Meeting Wednesday, August 23