1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friendly

- 34 Communities
  - Chinatown - Chicago became the 34th recognized community last week!
- Illinois Quad Cities submitted their application last week. Currently working on the ICRN letter of support.

Dementia Friendly Illinois Meeting Recap (March 20, 2024)

Darby M. (NWM)

- Many communities are gearing up for their summer activities, including Movie Days, Free Day at the Zoo, Botanic Garden classes.
- We are also seeing a shift in the older DF communities as they face the challenges of reorganizing, establishing new leadership and realigning their goals.

Tarisha W. (RUSH)

- Currently working with several areas in Chicago.
  - Pullman
  - South Loop is helping Bronzeville get started in the process.
  - Morgan Park/Beverly has also expressed interest in becoming a DFLY community.
2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friends

- 11,309 total Dementia Friends
  - 9,001 - Friends from in-person talks
  - 2,308 - Friends from online sign-ups
- 274 Dementia Champions - had a Champions class yesterday where 14 joined.

3. ILLINOIS HRSA GWEP/ADRD
   CATCH-ON

IDPH (Illinois Department of Health)

Darby (NWM):
- A number of committees have been formed to help move forward initiatives on the State Plan and to make sure that goals are met, discussed and have action steps. Darby is the lead for the Safety and Support subcommittee.
- Darby invited Susan Frick to join one of these subcommittees.
- The cycle of the current State Plan is 2023 – 2026.

Raj (RUSH)
- Discussed article he read on a major nursing home operator filing for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and what this could mean for nursing homes in Illinois. (Article attached)

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)
5. ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ADAC) UPDATE

6. Other News/Updates:

Raj (RUSH)

Group Discussion: Continued to discuss what the ICRN as a group, can do to keep the momentum going in Illinois. He also encouraged the group to think about how we might reorganize the ICRN monthly meetings moving forward.

Ideas to invigorate the group included:
- Continuing to promote Dementia Friends and Dementia Friendly on the ICRN website and social media.
- Inviting leaders from the 34 Dementia Friendly communities to join an ICRN meeting.
- Adding instructional and testimonial videos to ICRN website.
- Conducting a Dementia Friends sign-up campaign during the Longest Day on the ICRN website.
- Hosting Dementia Champion social event.
- Hosting an ICRN Summit with discussion panels and breakout sessions on subjects ranging from community sustainability measures to statewide legislative actions.

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2024