

ICRN Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes – April 24, 2024

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

Attendees: Raj S., Chrishun B., Darby M., Jeff B., Watkins K., Tarisha W., Elaine J.

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friendly

- At 35 communities
- Illinois Quad Cities received recognition this past month.
- Eureka just submitted a draft of their application. Expect to submit it to the national office within the next month.
- Considering combining the Sustainability sub-committee meeting with the monthly Dementia Friendly meeting as the agenda and discussions are very similar.

Dementia Friendly Illinois Meeting Recap (April 17, 2024)

Darby M. (NWM)

- 20 attendees
- Communities are gearing up for their summer activities, including Movie Days, Free Day at the Zoo, Botanic Garden classes.

Tarisha W. (RUSH)

- Tarisha received an interview request from a tv station in Michigan. They are particularly interested in DFLY Illinois' success and strategies for spreading awareness and sustaining momentum in African American communities. More information to follow.

2. DEMENTIA FRIENDS ILLINOIS

Longest Day – June 20th

In collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association's Longest Day activities, the ICRN will hold a statewide Dementia Friends Campaign. Media packets with social media content, flyers and blurbs are being put together to distribute to all Dementia Friendly communities and Dementia Champions. More information to come in May meeting.

Susan F. (RUSH)

Dementia Friends

- 11,716 - total Friends
 - 9,108 - Friends from in-person talks
 - 2,608 - Friends from online sign-ups
- 274 Dementia Champions
- Planning online sign-up campaign for the Longest Day.

Elaine J. (SIU)

- Gave a Dementia Friends presentation at a conference this week and made 80 new Dementia Friends from the event.

3. ILLINOIS HRSA GWEP/ADRD CATCH-ON

- Met to discuss creating video content for the ICRN website. This would include snippets from Dementia Champions and community leads talking about what this movement means to them and from caregivers discussing their real-life experiences as a dementia caregiver.

IDPH (Illinois Department of Health)

Darby (NWM):

- Next ADAC meeting is Friday, May 10
- Subcommittees are still processing applications for new committee members.

4. DEMENTIA CAPABLE EFFORTS (IDOA)

Jeff B. (NWILAAA)

- New Director of IDOA – Mary Killough
- One of their primary objectives is to continue lobbying for additional funding for dementia caregivers.

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

6. Other News/Updates:

Raj (RUSH)

Group Discussion: Revising ICRN About Us page on ICRN website: www.ilbrainhealth.org

The group started section by section of the About Us page and reviewed verbiage and content. It was noted that some things need to be updated and/or removed – as the objectives have already been met. The group looked at the wording of:

- Vision and Mission statements.
- How the ICRN Works
- Pilot projects

Discussion will continue next month. Please see the attached About Us Page and let us know if you have any suggestions for edits and changes.

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 22, 2024