

MEETING SUMMARY
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (IDPH)
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ADAC) MEETING
October 22, 2015, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Approved May 3, 2016

Northwestern University – Rubolff Building
420 E. Superior Street
9th Floor, Lake Shore Conference Room
Chicago, IL

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - *Members Present:* Tom Ala, Jeff Christiansen, Rhonda Clancy, Erna Colborn, Nancy Flowers, Susan Fonfa, Sam Hill, Jennifer Martin, M. Marsel Mesulam, Conny Moody, Darby Morhardt, Theresa Park, John Smith and Orlanda Speckhart.
 - *Guests Present:* Betsy Creamer, Susan Helm, Bryan James, Anna Ortigara and Kyle Sullivan.
 - *Members Absent:* David Bennett, Jerome Epplin, Theresa Gowin, Lori Kerns, Kathleen Knope, Dennis McManus, Mary Mayes, Mary Milano, Mary Nagy, June Ninnemann, Raj Shah, Melvin Siegel and Robert Struble.

 - A member asked for a list of membership. Members were directed to the list on the IDPH Alzheimer's webpage.

- **Review and Approval of April 30, 2015 Meeting Minutes**
 - Minutes will be distributed after the meeting for electronic vote.

- **Illinois Department of Public Health Update**
 - Jennifer was introduced as the new IDPH staff appointed to the ADAC.
 - Members were introduced to the new Alzheimer's Disease webpage on the IDPH website - <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/alzheimers>. The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois requested a link to their website be added to the webpage.
 - Members were reminded to complete their ethics training. They also were reminded, in accordance to the bylaws; appointed members are not allowed to have three (3) consecutive unexcused absences.
 - New appointees and nominees were introduced.

- **Alzheimer Disease Research Fund Update**
 - Members were provided copies of the reports from the FY15 Alzheimer Disease Research Fund (ADRF) grantees and were reminded of the FY16 grantees.
 - Jennifer reported the FY17 ADRF guidelines and application are being developed within the Department's electronic grant management system. They will be live in the system from Mid-November until the end of January. Members were asked to distribute the information through their respective organizations once it is available and to assist in identifying reviewers for the Tier II and III review. Members discussed avenues for promoting the ADRF announcement.

- **Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Update**
 - Rhonda provided a summary highlighting the partners, accomplishments (including development list of core competencies) and ideas to sustain the HBI efforts. A copy of the core competencies and a link to a webinar about the competences was provided.
 - Dr. Ala shared concern that primary physician information was removed and there is a need to define palliative care. This is a working document and items can be added.
 - Orlanda asked are there next steps to develop competencies for other disciplines. It is undecided at this time.

➤ Regional Alzheimer Disease Research Centers Update

- *Northwestern University*– Darby provided a power point presentation on their vital statistic and neurobehavior and memory clinic statistics. She shared the NW care pathway model (published this year) and a summary of their efforts around outreach, the Illinois Cognitive Resource Network, education, quality of life, buddy program, storytelling workshops, research/clinical trials, communication bridge and, super aging study. Their website is www.brain.northwestern.edu .
- *Southern Illinois University* – Dr. Ala reported on their research and clinical programs, in addition to clinical trials, autopsy and data base efforts. He discussed the current status of no funding. They are shifting from paper to electronic records. They have received brain donations. There are four major education conferences planned. Information about the Memory Loss Conference was distributed at the meeting.
- *Rush University* – Dr. Shah asked members to refer to their annual report and asked to focus today’s time on the more collaborative efforts between the research centers around the Illinois Cognitive Resource Network (ICRN). (See next section for additional information.)
- Copies of the regional center’s annual summaries were provided to the ADAC.

➤ Illinois Cognition Resources Network Update

- Representatives from each of the research center presented on the ICRN during the American Public Health Association’s conference in Chicago in November. The session was entitled “A Conversation With Persons With Dementia and Their Families: Navigating the Maze of Services.” The session showed how three centers collaborated together to promote the principles of person-center care and to build dementia friendly communities. He discussed the disconnect between families including persons with memory loss and with the memory loss service provides. He further discussed state wide efforts for Illinois and an overview of the ICRN - www.ilbrainhealth.org. Erna asked what the next steps are for the ICRN. Keep pathways open during these tough times, establish the website, build modules on the competencies, etc. Anna recommended involving the business community.

➤ State Agency Updates

- Jennifer is collecting summaries from the state agencies and will share with the ADAC.
- *Illinois Department on Aging* – Betsy reported on the Dementia Capable States Grant. She just started the third year of the grant. Some area agencies would like to receive training to help continue the program. SIU/SOM attended an earlier training and hosted a training. She’d like to have more discussion on how the aging network can adopt the core competencies. They are evaluating what services area agencies are offering and how to improve services.
- *Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services* – Sue discussed their supportive living program and services for persons with dementia, included a pilot program which does not need to be conduct in a conventional setting. It is offered in four places but would like to expand when more resources are available. IDHFS is in process of developing a website. Betsy recommended coordinating linking the IDHFS and IDPH websites. Betsy will send contact for IDHFS to Conny so they can discuss best way to collaborate.

➤ Agency Announcements

- Erna shared information about the annual research symposium scheduled for tomorrow.
- Erna provided an overview of five legislative bills they are following.
- Sam asked about the possibility of having Alzheimer support groups. Erna mentioned they have an online support group. The regional centers have support groups. Members will put Sam in touch with a nearby group for more information.