

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ADAC) MEETING**  
**April 19, 2018 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.**  
*Approved October 22, 2019*

Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation (MCLI)  
Schnirring Board Room MCLI 2E  
228 W. Miller Street  
Springfield, IL 62702

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- Welcome and Introductions
  - *Appointed/Pending Members Present:* Tom Ala, Evan Davis, Cindy DeGroot, Nancy Flowers, Susan Helm, Jennifer Martin, Marsel Mesulam, Conny Moody, Therese Nelson (proxy for Darby Morhardt), Phyllis Roate, Raj Shah (proxy for David Bennett), Melvin Siegel, Robert Struble and Orlinda Speckhart.
  - *Guests Present:* Greg Kyrouac and Beth Phelps.
  - *Appointed/Pending Members Absent:* Jen Belkov, Jeff Christiansen, Jeannine Forrest, Jerome Epplin, Theresa Gowin, Sam Hill, Lori Kerns, Kathleen Knope, Dennis McMannus, Mary Milano, and Mary Nagy.
  
- Review and Approval of October 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes
  - Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and available at the meeting. No quorum. Minutes will be send to members to vote electronically.
  
- Illinois Department of Public Health Update
  - Jennifer Martin reported the current vacancies. The call for nominees was extended another week.
  
- Update on Available Alzheimer Disease Research Funds (ADRF)
  - Conny Moody provided an update on the fund. The current balance is \$122,190.51. With additional donations to be made through the tax year 2017, ADAC can approve up to \$125,000 in grant awards.
  
- ADRF FY19 Review
  - The Department received a total of 2 applications. Based on the Peer Review Panel (PRP) scoring, one of the two applications were approved by the ADAC to move forward to the Tier 3 review. Three ADAC members reviewed the application and present it to ADAC during today's meeting. Members were asked to submit their score sheets by April 25, 2018.
  - New this year, as part of federal grant requirements for merit based reviews, a couple of changes were made to the review process. First, reviewers were required to complete a confidentiality form. Second, score sheets were based on a numerical rating scale of 0-100.
  - Jennifer shared recommendations from the Peer Review Panel and ADAC member made decisions pertaining to the following areas:
    - Recommendations were made on revising the points allocated to each component and clarifying the wording of some of the scoring questions. Also, it was recommended to revise the wording in the Notice of Funding Opportunity to allow early research grants to be open to medical students and medical residents.
    - Insight and recommendations on why there was a small response was discussed. It is believed allowing in-direct cost beyond 10% has impacted the amount of funds available to implementing a project and

since there are other funding streams with higher funding awards has led to a decreased interest by researchers to apply for ADRF funds. Recommendations for capping in-direct costs, allowing in-direct cost in addition to the award, and having larger, fewer awards could increase interest.

- The Illinois Cognitive Resources Network shared an approach to including persons with lived experience to participate in the review process. There were concerns about having lay members part of the scientific review process; however, the discussion led to a recommendation to revising the ADRF Tier 3 to serve as an impact review. Tier 2 (Peer Review Panel) would provide a scientific review and score the proposal on the science. Tier 3 would provide an impact review and score on the impact. The sum of these two scores would be the total score.
- These recommendations will be shared with the ADAC members for an electronic vote.

#### ➤ Regional Alzheimer Disease Research Centers Update

- Northwestern – Therese Nelson provided an update on behalf of Darby Morhardt. They are under construction for new space; their space will double in size. Their research and administration is expanding. Their clinic is multidisciplinary. There are several new programs, such as outreach to 200 local activities, Buddy Program (they have the largest cohort), Memory Café, Dementia Friendly America, and an annual AD Day.
- Rush – (See ICRN report below).
- Southern Illinois University – Tom Ala shared their excitement in there may a decision on funding. He hopes to reinstate programs.

#### ➤ State Agency Updates

- *Illinois Department on Aging* – Phyllis Roate provided an update on their grants. They are the first entity in Illinois to implement Stress Busting for Caregivers. They have gap filling funds to cover services and instruction not covered by other areas. Their goal is to have each IDoA area to be involved in Dementia Friendly America – Illinois. They are developing a new title – Dementia Care Specialist. They incorporated the IDPH core competencies in the specialists' description and their grants.
- *Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services* – Jennifer reported Susan Fonfa retired prior to the ADAC meeting. A replacement has not been named. Susan shared she truly enjoyed her time on the Advisory Committee and wish the Members the very best.
- *Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission* – Jennifer reported Teresa Parks had shared the Commission is in the process of finalizing the guardian training information that will be required for all newly appointed guardians unless the appointing judge determines otherwise as per the bill that was passed last year.

#### ➤ Illinois Cognitive Resource Network (ICRN) Update

- Raj Shah provided a power point presentation on Dementia Friendly Illinois (DFI). It included an overview of the national partners, expansion of the network, web-based tools and resources, and the all sector approach. The goal of DFI is to support the recognition of at least one community in each State Planning Service Area as being part of Dementia Friendly America. He also shared information about Dementia Friends USA, a program to engage individuals in the dementia friendly movement.  
<https://ilbrainhealth.org/>.

#### ➤ Other ADAC Discussion

- Raj shared Rush created a documentary about “Without Warning”, a program for younger-onset Alzheimer's disease”.

#### ➤ Reminder of Fall meeting – October 22, 2017 from 12-3 at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.