

MEETING SUMMARY
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ADAC) MEETING
October 5, 2017, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
Approved May 17, 2018

Northwestern University
420 E. Superior Street
Rubloff Building, 11th Floor – Lakeview Conference Room, Chicago, IL
AUDIO CONFERENCE: Dial-in Information 888-494-4032, Passcode 2631052766#

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - *Appointed/Pending Members Present:* Tom Ala, David Bennett, Jeff Christiansen, Erna Colborn, Nancy Flowers, Susan Fonfa, Jennifer Martin, Marsel Mesulam, Conny Moody, Darby Morhardt, Anna Ortigara, Teresa Parks (proxy for Mary Milano), Phyllis Roate, and Orlinda Speckhart.
 - *Guests Present:* Jeannine Forrest, Therese Nelson, and Teela Whyte.
 - *Appointed/Pending Members Absent:* Jerome Epplin, Theresa Gowin, Susan Helm, Sam Hill, Lori Kerns, Kathleen Knope, Dennis McManus, Mary Nagy, Melvin Siegel, and Robert Struble.

- **Review and Approval of April 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes**
 - Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and available at the meeting. Erna Colborn motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Mary Milano, motion carried.

- **Illinois Department of Public Health Update**
 - Jennifer Martin reminded members of the requirement to complete the annual ethics training.
 - The annual documentation of the service network and designation of regional centers and primary providers is being compiled.
 - Several members' appointments expire this year. A call for nominations will be sent. Current members are invited to self-nominate. Per the bylaws, members will serve their term until a replacement can be appointed.

- **Alzheimer Disease Research Fund Update**
 - Conny Moody provided an update on the fund. In the last couple of years, the funds donated through the tax check off were down, under the required \$100,000. IDPH is monitoring but it is anticipated there will be \$130,000 for FY19 grants.
 - Members recommended adding a question to the last quarterly report for grantees to request information on if the ADRF grant led to additional funding or publications.
 - Jennifer shared a summary of the FY17 grantee reports were sent to members.
 - A reminder of the current grantees was provided.
 - The Notice of Funding Opportunity will be posted online will be live until the end of January. Members are asked to help distribute the information widely. In December, she will be seeking peer reviewers.

- **Regional Alzheimer Disease Research Centers Update**
 - Northwestern – Darby Morhardt provided a presentation on their efforts. A brochure about Tele-Savvy Clinical Trial: Dementia Caregiver Research Participants Needed was shared. Their buddy program will be presented at a national conference.
 - Rush - David Bennett shared last year they reorganized their clinical services to server more as a referral

centers. Information was shared about Without Warning, an early onset program. They have six populations based studies focused on disease prevention. They have had a difficult time obtaining brains from minority populations. An update on the study of Ancestry, Neurodegenerative Diseases and Stroke being conducted in Brazil was provided.

- Southern Illinois University – Tom Ala provided an overview of the regional center and discussed their current funding crisis. An update was provided on the client visits and their primary provider program. The update let ADAC Members to have a broader discussion about how are people in rural communities are getting help.

➤ State Agency Updates

- *Illinois Department on Aging* – Phyllis Roate provided an update on their grant and the variety of entities they are working with. They continue to partner with Southern Illinois University School of Medicine on programs like Stepping Up and webinars. Going into the next year, TimeSlips Storytelling Program will be implemented. They also recently received an 18 month grant for support service program to build and expand on elements from Year 1.
- *Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services* – Susan Fonfa reported on their pilot program for supportive living for dementia care. She share an overview of the sites implementing the program and have received many new applications. Additional training is planned.
- *Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission* – Teresa Parks provided updates on the people they serve under their three programs. They developed training modules for guardians. They will be looking for people to review and provide input.

➤ Illinois Cognitive Resource Network (ICRN) Update

- Darby reported ICRN applied for Dementia Friendly America credentials – they have its own logo and website. The team is looking at evaluation efforts. They want ADAC members to be aware of their efforts and help connect communities to the initiative.

➤ FY18 meeting dates

- Members agreed to maintain the same format – bi-annual meetings in April (Springfield) and October (Chicago).

➤ Other ADAC Discussion

- Prior to the meeting, Raj Shah submitted a request to IDPH for discussion on two topics. 1) Request a position statement from ADAC to IDPH recognizing support of congressional appropriation for The Healthy Brain Initiative within the Healthy Aging Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2) Request to ADAC to consider a change in the Alzheimers Disease Research Fund application to use some of the available funds to support alternate year support to questions on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) and support community grants to host Dementia Friendly America community planning meetings. Members discussed that both ideas would require a change in statute. Members asked the questions be sent by email to read in more detail.
- Erna Colborn asked if regional centers are using Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) coding for care planning. Erna will get more information and share with ADAC. She also mentioned there are plans for an Alzheimer’s Disease specialty license plate. The central Illinois chapter merged with the greater Illinois chapter so now they represent 87 of the 102 counties in the state. There will be a press conference in November announcing the Silver Service program.
- Anna Ortigara shared information about PHI (Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute), they provide resources for direct care workers.