

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee (ADAC): Strategic Budget Planning Workgroup**  
**August 19, 2021 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**  
**WebEx**  
*Approved August 31, 2021*

**Welcome**

- Jessica welcomed members and stakeholders; informed the group that the meeting will be recorded per the Open Meetings Act requirement to do so during the pandemic.

**Introductions** Quorum confirmed (more than 3 voting members present)

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Jen Belkov	A statewide association dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support, and research	Alzheimer's Association, Illinois Chapter	X
Jessica Link	The Dementia Coordinator of the Illinois Department of Public Health, or the Dementia Coordinator's designee	Illinois Department of Public Health	X
Dr. Darby Morhardt	2 of 3 individuals from Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Centers 1 of 3 individuals from Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Centers	The Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease, (Northwestern)	X
Dr. Raj Shah	A statewide trade organization representing the interests of physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches in Illinois - the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians	Rush University Medical Center	X
Colette Jordan	Area Agencies on Aging	AgeGuide Northeastern Illinois	X

<b>Non-Voting Member</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
None		

<b>Workgroup Stakeholders/Public in attendance</b>	<b>Agency</b>	
Deborah Kuhns	SIU Medicine RADAC Program Coordinator	X
Melissa Mooney	Illinois Public Health Association	X
Sonja Gibbons Reed (sub for Lori Hendren)	AARP Illinois	X
Suzy Finigan	Disability Network--SpringHealth	X

**Review & approval of meeting minutes \***

- Jessica Link called for a vote to approve the August 11, 2021 meeting minutes
  - Dr. Raj Shah gave a 1<sup>st</sup> motion for approval, Colette Jordan gave a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, a majority of members voted yay, minutes passed

**Old Business**

- Reviewed priorities identified from the last meeting: a data project such as a registry, a campaign related to early detection, talking to a professional, and/or medication options.
- Reminder that priorities need to align with state plan recommendations.

**New Business**

- Melissa Mooney from IPHA talked about their work with Community Health Workers Pandemic Health Navigator Program—they have an already established network of training & resource sharing, chronic disease is part of this—can train CHWs re: dementia—partnering with community-based organizations located in the local community & federally qualified healthcare centers.
  - IPHA has training center with curriculums
  - Dr. Raj Shah shared that ICRN provides webinars & trainings via dementia friendly—can connect too
- Dr. Raj Shah expressed that we need to look at state plan activities that can feasibly be done in a fiscal year, and then asked, which short and long term goals need funding. A potential option was raised to consider some funding to be used for building a strategy and budget for each of the short term and long term goals in the State Plan for potential future knowledge to make allocation of funds a bit easier in future years as opportunities arise.
  - Example 1—Provide a grant for an entity to convene a panel of experts (Aligns with ST 25) to identify best practices & evidence-based research that can inform the assisted living & supportive living regulations & improve quality of care; produce a report with recommendations. There are other such convening goals for recommendations from expert panels in the short and long term goals of the State plan.
  - Example 2--Caregiver Registry (approximately \$500k) (Aligns with ST 7)—In addition to the state applications, the BOLD Act sought to create 3 centers of excellence (early detection, healthy aging/awareness, supporting caregivers)
    - A group & consortium led by The University of Chicago in IL submitted a supplemental application that was not selected but outlined a Caregiver Registry project that aligns with national initiatives & is ready to be put into play.
    - The project is called BOLD & BRAVE—in Chicago area, focusing on Black, Brown, and rural caregiver needs & resources
    - Aligns with ST 7-- Develop additional state data collection reports related to AD/ADRD. Provide up-to-date information on the resources need for caregivers and families.
    - Provide physical, emotional, educational, and financial assistance to unpaid caregivers of people with dementia, including respite & support services. Supports ST19 & possibly supports work with any short-term or long-term goal listing caregivers.
- Dr. Morhardt—very much in support of the caregiver registry—targeting black, brown, rural—project will identify needs & provide resources
- Jen Belkov proposed a Campaign project—using local trusted organizations to reach their communities & get higher level messaging out statewide via media sources
  - Educates local groups to empower communities, especially Black, Brown & rural
  - Provides broader public communication to convey healthy brain messaging & raise awareness about talking to a provider (Aligns with ST 12)
- Jen Belkov posed the question---can the caregiver registry connect to the current NOFO awareness project
- Dr. Shah shared that a big scale campaign could fall flat with all of the other areas of focus & need right now (i.e., COVID related issues like isolation, proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> vaccine booster, etc.)
  - Jessica Link offered that there are other projects happening with IDoA & community organizations to address COVID related needs.
  - Collette offered that AAAs have funding to address isolation
- Melissa Mooney from IPHA offered that statewide campaigning is not as advantageous as local level campaigning that could be more impactful to the specific region or population's needs (i.e., NAACP could sit in to advise on Black, Brown communities).
  - Local scale strategies like Town halls could be more impactful—an organization like IPHA is equipped—i.e., working with a communications company right now on a project with similar components
  - Can leverage the people (CBOs, CHWs, FQHCs) already doing resource work in the local communities

#### **Public Comments**

- None

**Future 2021 Meeting Dates**

- a. Next Strategic Budget Planning meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2021 at 9am.
- b. Email all agenda items to Jessica Link at [Jessica.link@illinois.gov](mailto:Jessica.link@illinois.gov) by September 9, 2021.
- c. Confirm attendance to Jessica Link no later than September 2, 2021.

**Adjourned**

Approved