**Quarterly Regional Meetings Summary**

**May 2018**

The second round of Dementia Friendly Massachusetts quarterly meetings were held in May 2018. DFM and MCOA continue to receive very positive responses from meeting participants who are expressing appreciation in two major areas: their introductions to resources and key contacts for starting and sustaining local initiatives; and the impactful program component, Keeping it Real, that provided substantive information about the day in the life of living with dementia and visions for what dementia friendly communities look like – along with advice for how to make the vision a reality.

Dates, Locations, and total attendance included:

May 21, 2018, West Springfield Council on Aging; 57 registered; approximately 45 attended\*

May 22, 2018, Acushnet Council on Aging; 38 registered; approximately 35 attended\*

May 24, 2018, Danvers Council on Aging; 57 registered; approximately 25 attended\*

May 25, 2018, Westborough Council on Aging; 66 registered; approximately 45 attended\*

May 29, 2018, Boston City Hall; 30 registered; 15 attended\*[[1]](#endnote-1)

Each meeting followed the same agenda that included:

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Panel 1: Resources for Starting and Sustaining Your DF Effort**

* Beth Soltzberg, Dementia Friends
* James Fuccione, Better Together and MHAC
* Mike Festa, AARP (not all meetings)
* Maura Moxley (or Alzheimer’s Partnership Rep)
* Pam McLeod, EOEA

**Panel 2: Local DF Success Case Study**

* Nancy Munson – Acushnet meeting
* Christine Alessandro – Westborough meeting
* Linnea Hagberg and Carrie Johnson – Danvers meeting
* Patricia McCormack and Andrea Burns – Boston meeting

**Keeping it Real:** Individuals living with dementia presented. Melody McLaughlin of the Alzheimer’s

**Next Steps**: Looking at August and Announcements

**Photos and PowerPoint presentations are available at www.dfmassachusetts.org**

1. \*Note: Not everyone signed in formally, especially those who came late. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)