

AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

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AIRA’S REPOSITORY LAUNCHES – FOR ALL YOUR IIS NEEDS

Need to reference AFIX integration guidance? Racking your brain for that stat you heard at last year’s National Meeting? Want to email the newest HL7 Implementation Guide to your tech team? Now, you can find every IIS resource you need quickly and easily! The new [AIRA repository](#) has an intuitive organization plus a powerful search function. Browse by topic or pull up a specific resource with improved accuracy.

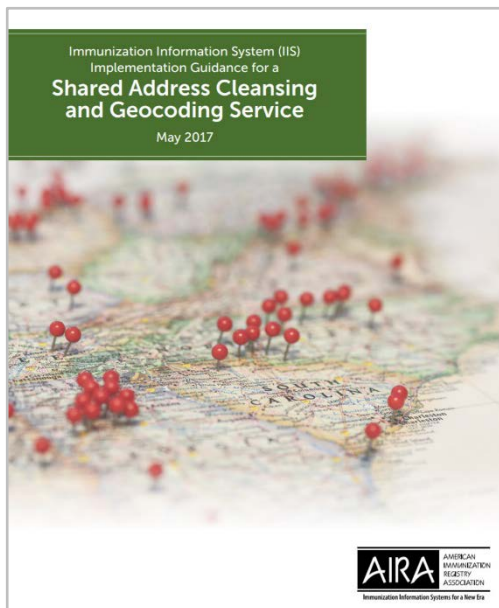
To access the repository, go to the [AIRA website](#) and click on the “Resources” tab. You’ll find Featured Resources, links to related resources and a rating system to indicate a resource’s usefulness. We also need YOUR input! What’s missing from the repository? Use the [Suggest a Resource](#) feature to let us know. Check out the [AIRA repository](#) for all your IIS needs – and bookmark it today!

~Submitted by Maureen Neary, AIRA

JULY AT AIRA

- July 7th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Joint Development & Implementation Advisory Workgroup Meeting**
- July 12th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) Meeting**
- July 13th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**
- July 17th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **AIRA Board, Partners & Membership Meeting**
- July 17th, 3 – 4 pm ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**
- July 19th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- July 19th, 3 – 4 pm ET: **Awardee Developed Joint Development & Implementation User Group**
- July 20th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**
- July 24th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **Discovery Session: Michigan’s Experience Leveraging CMS HITECH 90/10 Match Funds to Support IIS**
- July 26th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **SISC Technical Workgroup Meeting**

7 IIS HAVE SIGNED ON FOR ADDRESS CLEANSING & GEOCODING



AIRA is pleased to announce that seven IIS have signed up for access to [SmartyStreets](#), the new address cleansing and geocoding service that became available to all AIRA member IIS programs as of June 1, 2017. The service offers manual batch processing, automated batch processing, an HL7 real-time solution, and/or a user interface API.

Together, these early adopters from Alabama, Alaska, California, Indiana, Louisiana, Puerto Rico and Washington represent STC, WIR and Awardee-developed platforms. All programs will complete their first monthly data summary report in July.

AIRA believes that access to [SmartyStreets](#) will help programs to meet the many IIS functional standards

focused on data quality through complete, accurate demographics capture. For this reason, AIRA is committed to signing on as many IIS programs as possible.

The service was organized and vetted by AIRA's Joint Development and Implementation Advisory Workgroup (JDI). It is jointly supported by AIRA and CDC and is funded for three years.

Interested members can learn more about the SmartyStreets service on the [AIRA website](#) including the history of the project, questions other IIS have asked and how to participate. Further questions? Please contact [Maureen Neary](#).

~Submitted by Maureen Neary, AIRA

AIRA WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Brittany Gyer has recently joined AIRA as the new administrative assistant. Brittany comes to AIRA with several years of administrative experience, including event registration, event coordination, and skills in mass communication. She has served in various administrative roles as a youth administrator and finance and business assistant. We are excited to welcome Brittany to the AIRA team!

AIRA's previous administrative assistant Amanda Branham is moving into a new role internally where she will support AIRA's Board of Directors and coordinate AIRA's membership and partnership. Congratulations Amanda!

NATIONAL VACCINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NVAC) MEETING HIGHLIGHTS IIS PROGRESS

The National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) has long had a significant interest in IIS and all the ways that IIS support vaccinations on the clinical and population level. Rebecca Coyle,



Dr. Melinda Wharton (CDC), Rebecca Coyle (AIRA), Warren Williams (CDC), Kim Martin (ASTHO), Kris Ehresmann (Minnesota Immunization Program), and Jim Daniel (ONC) discuss IIS opportunities and challenges in a panel discussion at the June NVAC meeting.

AIRA Executive Director, is now a liaison representative on NVAC, and represents the views and perspectives of the AIRA community. An NVAC meeting on June 6th focused heavily on IIS and explored several topics important to NVAC members:

- Dr. Angela Shen, Senior Advisor with the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO), reviewed relevant NVAC recommendations related to IIS, including supporting full provider participation in IIS and furthering IIS

interjurisdictional exchange.

- Warren Williams, Branch Chief for the IIS Support Branch at CDC, provided a presentation on IIS fundamentals that focused on the value IIS bring to critical partners across health care.
- Kris Ehresmann, representing the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) and the Minnesota Immunization Program, shared perspectives on how useful the Minnesota IIS (MIIC) has been in supporting the response to their recent measles outbreak.
- Kim Martin from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and Mary Beth Kurilo from AIRA presented on the latest activities across the Community of Practice to support interjurisdictional exchange.
- Jim Daniel from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) shared about the Public Health Immunization Data Exchange (PHIZ) project, as well as the funding landscape for leveraging CMS HITECH 90-10 match funds.

The IIS section ended with a panel presentation and discussion on IIS issues. The members were engaged and interested in furthering IIS efforts both within NVAC and in partnership with Liaison and Ex Officio members. All NVAC meetings are streamed live and also available [online](#). For information about future meetings, visit [NVAC's website](#).

~Submitted by Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA

HLN Consulting, LLC Receives UpShot Award at NVAC Meeting

Congratulations to HLN Consulting, LLC, winner of the National Vaccine Program Office UpShot Award for Vaccine Supply, Access and Use. The UpShot awards are an awards program designed to recognize exceptional work across the vaccine and immunization enterprise. HLN Consulting, LLC was awarded the UpShot award for their work on the Immunization Calculation Engine (ICE) during the June National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) meeting.

~Submitted by Rebecca Coyle, AIRA

AIRA PARTICIPATES IN AIM'S WEST REGIONAL MEETING

On June 20-21, 2017, the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) held their second regional meeting for immunization program managers. Convened in Portland, Oregon, this meeting drew program managers, Public Health Advisors, and partners from Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The meeting was hosted by Aaron Dunn (OR) and Michele Roberts (WA), and took place at the Portland State Office Building. Several partners were also invited to attend, including Jillian Doss-Walker from Indian Health Services (IHS), Nathan Crawford from CDC, and Mary Beth Kurilo from AIRA.

On day one, programs shared their successes and challenges, including policy changes in working with local health departments (WA), partnering with Medicaid Coordinated Care Organizations (OR), HPV Summit events and marketing (ID), working with Medicaid, Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and local health (CA), and logistics of vaccine delivery (AK). Day two involved more in-depth discussion about partnering with local health departments, school reporting, and partnering with coalitions. In addition, IHS presented and led a roundtable discussion on working with tribes, and AIRA facilitated discussion around interjurisdictional exchange and IIS measurement and improvement, including supplying and discussing each state's reports from the Aggregate Analysis Reporting Tool (AART). The meeting ended with a discussion about next steps for working together, including plans for an exploratory meeting across four states to consider regional IIS data exchange.

~Submitted by Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA

AIRA ATTENDS ADULT VACCINE ACCESS COALITION (AVAC) MEETING, AND MANY MORE!

AIRA's Executive Director Rebecca Coyle attended several in-person meetings last month, including meetings with the Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC). Rebecca helped represent and promote IIS at these meetings in a variety of locations all over the country.

The Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC) meeting was held on June 7th in Washington, DC and discussed the CDC immunization program's budget and priorities. Dr. Nancy Messonnier gave an overview of CDC's priorities in relation to adult vaccination and while IIS was not specifically mentioned, AVAC is promoting awareness and education to make increased utilization of vaccines among adults a priority to our nation's leaders.

Rebecca also attended an AAP meeting in Frankfort, Kentucky on June 1st, composed of AAP representatives at the national and local level, the Kentucky Immunization Program, AIRA, CDC, and other stakeholders. The agenda included a facilitated discussion for brainstorming non-technical barriers to using IIS and brainstormed strategies to overcoming these barriers.

Finally, Rebecca attended a meeting held by STC with representatives from the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM), insurance companies, and pharmaceutical manufacturers among others to explore how to help partners to see the value of IIS and fund them. This meeting discussed how to sustain IIS given uncertain funding, and partners in the immunization community that would benefit from funding or providing input. Rebecca represented AIRA at each meeting to be a voice for IIS and advocate on behalf of the IIS community.

~Submitted by Ketti Turcato, Alison Chi, and Brittany Gyer, AIRA

CDSI CORNER: ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS & PROJECT UPDATE

ACIP met on June 21-22 with one formal vote on the agenda. The vote was for the 2017-18 influenza recommendations. The recommendations for 2017-18 will be similar to the previous season with a few new products and/or age range changes for existing products and will likely be published in August. Other informative discussions which may lead to future recommendations were related HepA in childhood and adolescence (i.e., 2 years through 18 years), a new Herpes Zoster product (Shingrix), and Yellow Fever product availability.

The CDSi project recently released version 3.4 of their supporting data. This release incorporates several improvements in both routine age-based recommendations and increased risk recommendations. In the coming month, updated test cases will be released. The latest supporting data and test cases can be found on the CDC's [CDSi website](#). Finally, the next CDSi Information Workgroup meeting will be held on July 26th at 3:00 ET. Topics will include a recap of the June ACIP meeting, CDSi resource updates, updates on the historical recommendations project, and a discussion on evaluating past risks. Anyone interested in the CDSi project is welcome to join the call. Questions or requests to join the CDSi Informational Workgroup meeting can be directed to Eric Larson at vev5@cdc.gov.

~Submitted by Eric Larson, AIRA

JUNE RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) met on June 6th and began planning a webinar to introduce the [Practical Examples of IIS Population Based Coverage Assessments: An Addendum to the Analytic Guide](#). This webinar will be held on Tuesday, August 15th at 3:00pm ET.
- The “Comparing and Communicating Vaccination Coverage Estimates from Immunization Information Systems, the National Immunization Survey, and Related Assessments” guide was sent out for external review and will be published next month. The committee also began discussing the next topic for the coverage assessment project.
- The ASC has moved to a quarterly meeting format. The next meeting will be held on September 5th at 2pm ET.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on June 14th and is currently compiling comments in response to The ONC Measurement Framework and the UoU/UoS for NDC and Lot Number Guidance Paper. The SISC discussed the ballot comments concerning the uses of the Z34 and Z44 query profiles. In addition, the committee also discussed ballot comments regarding identifying a patient’s primary health provider.
- The SISC Technical Workgroup met on June 28th and continued working on reviewing the HL7 ballot comments that were submitted. The topics included primary care provider (PCP) and patient status, completion status usage, field descriptions, profile ID versioning and LOINC codes. This will be a reoccurring agenda item until the comments are reconciled.

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee (ESC) met on June 21th and received an update from the Public Health Informatics Academy. The ESC and PHII plan on collaborating to better engage AIRA groups in the review and feedback of PHII’s module content.
- The summer edition of *SnapShots* has been published and can be found in the AIRA repository [here](#). This edition includes updates exclusively from immunization information systems and programs.
- The ESC hosted a webinar to present “AFIX-IIS Integration Project – The Good, the Bad and Lessons Learned,” which was selected as one of the standout sessions from the AIRA 2017 National Meeting. This webinar can be viewed on [AIRA’s website](#).

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW steering committee met on June 15th to continue to plan for the MIROW strategic planning session on August 1-2, 2017, in Denver, Colorado. Additionally, the steering committee discussed the progress of the current topic, consolidating records. The draft document was released for external review on June 26th and all comments are requested by July 17th. If you did not receive a copy of this notice and would like to

review the document, please contact AIRA Sr. Project Manager [Nichole Lambrecht](#) for a copy of the announcement/document.
