AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2017 IN REVIEW

DECEMBER AT AIRA

- December 4th, 2:30 – 3:30 pm ET: **Executive Committee Meeting**
- December 5th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- December 13th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) Meeting**
- December 14th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group Meeting**
- December 18th, 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**
- December 18th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**
- December 20th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- December 20th, 3 – 4 pm ET: **WIR Joint Development & Implementation User Group Meeting**
- December 21st, 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**
- December 27th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **SISC Technical Workgroup Meeting**

TOWN HALL MEETING ON VALIDATION, COMMENTS REQUESTED ON PROPOSED TRANSPORT MEASURES

On November 28th, AIRA and MACAW (the Measurement for Assessment and Certification Advisory Workgroup) held a Town Hall meeting for the IIS community that provided an overview on the new, AIRA Board-approved, measurement stage of Validation. The first two stages of Testing and Discovery and IIS Assessment are well-underway within the Measurement and Improvement initiative. MACAW has recommended and the AIRA Board has voted to approve **Validation** as the third stage. This stage will summarize the IIS community's alignment with standardization with an emphasis on progress and improvement.

The meeting also provided a venue for MACAW to present the proposed measures for the Transport *phase* of Validation, planned as the first functional area for measurement in Validation.

Following the stages of Testing and Discovery and IIS Assessment, Validation is a summary step to acknowledge IIS that are progressing toward or achieving alignment with community-selected measures and tests. A Validation designation is automatically achieved when an IIS meets the designated measures and tests in a specific phase (e.g., Transport, Submission, Query, etc.), as specified in the AIRA developed Aggregate Analysis Reporting Tool (AART).

More information on the Measurement and Improvement Initiative, including the summary stage of Validation, is available in an Overview on the AIRA website. Coming soon are FAQs and a summary brief on Validation. AIRA members are also encouraged to view the recording or slides for the Town Hall meeting. Comments are being accepted on the proposed Validation Transport Measures through COB December 15, 2017, and the proposed measures can be reviewed in the recording and the slides from the Town Hall meeting links above. Questions or comments can be sent to Kristi Siahaya.

Visit the AIRA website for additional information on the Measurement and Improvement Initiative.

   ~Submitted by Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT FOR THE 2018 NATIONAL MEETING TODAY!

AIRA's 2018 National Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 14-16, 2018.

Check out the National Meeting website to:
- ✓ Submit an abstract
- ✓ Register for the event
- ✓ Reserve your hotel room
- ✓ Submit an award nomination
- ✓ Learn about sponsorship opportunities

SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR THE AIRA AWARDS TODAY!

Many people do incredible work in the IIS community and AIRA would like to recognize their efforts and contributions. Each year, AIRA sponsors the Centers of Excellence Award and the Volunteer Service Award, and the winners are announced during the AIRA National Meeting. As an added bonus, the top finalists for the Centers of Excellence Award receive an all-expenses paid trip to the AIRA National Meeting in Salt Lake City. Submit your nominations today!

AIRA'S COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT MEETING WITH CDC

On November 7-9, AIRA staff including Rebecca Coyle, Alison Chi, Mary Beth Kurilo, and Amanda Dayton, as well as AIRA President, Kim Salisbury-Keith and AIRA Immediate Past President, Michelle Hood, attended a Cooperative Agreement meeting in Atlanta, GA with CDC/IISSB leadership. This meeting allowed AIRA and CDC staff the opportunity to discuss in detail the plans, strategies, and activities over the coming year that will support the objectives set forth by the two cooperative agreements AIRA receives.

The first day of the meeting started with a review of IISSB's vision and strategic priorities, as well as a recap of AIRA's evaluation findings. From there, the attendees transitioned to a strategic planning discussion on the path forward for the assessment and validation efforts. The second half of the day consisted of ongoing dialog on topics such as: 2018-2022 functional standards, transitioning AIRA's Cooperative Agreements to an OSTLTS funding mechanism, and partnership opportunities.

Representatives from the Public Health Informatics Institute joined AIRA and CDC on the second day of the meeting to participate in the discussion focused on IIS workforce development activities and technical assistance strategies and coordination solutions. On the third day of the meeting, AIRA consultants Eric Larson and Danielle Reader-Jolley joined the meeting to discuss and plan for an upcoming project to develop best practice guidance around onboarding. This meeting was beneficial to AIRA and provided an opportunity to provide progress updates and discuss key strategic issues impacting the IIS community.

~Submitted by Amanda Dayton, AIRA

THANK YOU TO OUR AIRA MEMBERS AND PARTNERS!

63 organizations have already become AIRA members for the 2017-2018 membership year! A list of all AIRA's current members and partners can be viewed here. Benefits of the AIRA membership include registration discounts to the AIRA 2018 National Meeting, voting benefits, use of an AIRA member logo, receipt of AIRA publications and access to member-only resources.

It's not too late, join your peers all over the country in becoming a 2017-2018 AIRA member today! AIRA membership can be paid with a credit card over the phone, online or by check. If you wish to pay for membership via direct electronic deposit, please note AIRA's bank information has changed; Amanda Dayton can help answer any questions you may have.

If you have questions or would like to receive a gold member invoice, please email Amanda Branham or call (202) 552-0189. We hope you will renew your AIRA membership soon!

ERROR CODE GUIDANCE

The AIRA Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) recently developed and posted two resources to support the use of national level error codes. The National Error Code Set Guidance and the Compiled Error Codes are both posted on the AIRA website.

The HL7 Immunization Implementation Guide documents how to return errors generated while receiving and processing VXU or QBP messages, but community implementation and enhancement of acknowledgement and response messages has revealed the need for additional application error codes. Several jurisdictions have begun to expand the error value set in the implementation guide. However, in the absence of national level coordination, the same error code has been defined multiple ways in different jurisdictions. This creates implementation hurdles for vendors and organizations operating in multiple jurisdictions.

The guidance document outlines the creation, management and use of national level error codes, while the spreadsheet catalogs application error codes. The definition and use of additional national application level error codes will ensure that vendors and organizations operating across jurisdictional lines will receive consistent error content from trading partners, opening the door to more automated routing and handling of error conditions. **All systems are highly encouraged to adopt the expanded set of error codes and curtail the use of locally defined codes.** For more information, contact Mary Beth Kurilo.

   ~Submitted by Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA

HIMSS18 POPULATION HEALTH SYMPOSIUM COLLABORATOR

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 2018 Annual Conference & Exhibition will take place March 5 – 9, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada. AIRA is pleased to be a collaborator for the Population Health Symposium titled "Chasing One Medicine – The Next Generation of Consumer- and Community-Centric Healthcare," that will be offered on Monday, March 5, 2018 from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

AIRA members interested in attending HIMSS18 can take advantage of our collaborator discount. Register Now and select "American Immunization Registry Association" from the "Conference Collaborating Organizations" drop-down during registration, and enter the code

H18PARTNER to get the collaborator discount. The early bird registration deadline is December 18th.

Join 45,000+ like-minded peers from around the world at HIMSS18 in Las Vegas, where you'll find:

- *A wide variety of topics, including connected health, cybersecurity, innovation, interoperability, population health, precision medicine, and more*
- *300+ education sessions*
- *1,300+ exhibiting companies*
- *Hundreds of special programs*
- *Endless networking opportunities*

~Submitted by Alison Chi, AIRA

NOVEMBER RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) is launching a project to develop a new coverage assessment guide. The purpose of the guide is to help IIS and immunization program staff identify actual pockets of need using local area coverage assessment analyses and determine when to take action. A webinar to introduce ASC's most recent guide: Comparing and Communicating Vaccination Coverage Estimates from IIS, the National Immunization Survey, and Related Assessments will be held in January.
- The ASC meets on quarterly basis and the next meeting will be held on December 5th at 2pm ET.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on November 8th and discussed possible topics for the next chapter of the Functional Guide. The committee approved AIRA's comments on ONC's 2018 Interoperability Standards Advisory. The committee also began to review their charter and workplan. Discussion and an in-depth review on the documents will resume on the next call.
- The SISC Technical Workgroup met on November 29th and reviewed ballot comments regarding values for Dose Validity Status and the approach to ADT messages. The workgroup also discussed RXA-9's representation in RSP messages.

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee (ESC) met on November 15th and received an update on the "Welcome to IIS" email course the Public Health Informatics Institute will be offering in 2018. The next edition of Snapshots is expected to be published in December. Looking ahead, the committee discussed the focus of ESC webinars to be taking the top results of the 2017 Education Survey, matching those topics with existing AIRA resources and developing educational opportunities based on this process. The

steering committee also began to review the charter and will further discuss revisions during the December meeting.

MIROW Steering Committee
- The MIROW Steering Committee (SC) met on November 16th to discuss the next steps in the MIROW strategic planning efforts.
- The SC finalized the implementation plan which was presented to the AIRA Board and approved on November 20th. This implementation plan proposed new steps for topic development, re-packaging of current MIROW guidelines to improve readability, and new approaches for promotion of MIROW guidelines.
- More information about this work will be coming soon.