AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

JULY 2016 IN REVIEW

JOIN AIRA FOR 2016 POST-NIC WORKSHOP

Registration is now open for the AIRA workshop following the 2016 National Immunization Conference (NIC) in Atlanta this September. The Post-NIC Workshop will be held on September 16th, 2016 from 8am – 2pm. This workshop is free for AIRA members and $75 for non-members. Please click HERE to register. AIRA will also host a reception on Wednesday, September 14th. There is no cost to attend the AIRA reception. We hope to see you there!

AIRA Post-NIC Workshop

Friday, September 16, 2016 | 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET
Meeting Location: Hilton Atlanta | 255 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Preliminary Agenda

Time	Track 1	Track 2
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Agenda Overview AIRA: State-of-the-State	
9:00 – 9:10 a.m.	Transition Break	
9:10 – 10:20 a.m.	Developing and Improving Policies for Your IIS/Immunization Program: • Developing internal policies • Developing memorandums of understanding and data use agreements for interjurisdictional data exchange	Learn How to Plan and Develop Coverage Assessments Using your IIS • Review practical considerations and key decision points • Share your current coverage assessment activities, discuss how you measure coverage, and how you can use coverage reports to increase immunization rates *Note: Participants are asked to bring ideas of coverages assessments they want to conduct and current examples to share*
10:20 – 10:30 a.m.	Transition Break	
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Functional Standards 2018	
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch & Roundtable Feedback on Functional Standards 2018	
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	How to Report What You Do to Your Leadership: • Develop strategies and reports for presenting your IIS to Program Managers, Branch & Bureau Leadership, CIOs, Health Commissioners, & State Leadership	Getting Meaningful Use Stage 3 Ready • What does this mean for my program? What are the implementation/enhancement implications? • How to use the Aggregate Analysis Reporting Tool (AART) to help prepare
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Wrap-Up & Adjourn	

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AUGUST AT AIRA

- August 1st, 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Executive Committee meeting**
- August 1st, 4 – 5pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**
- August 2nd, 2 – 3pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- August 5th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Joint Development & Implementation Advisory Workgroup Meeting**
- August 10th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- August 11th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**
- August 15th, 2– 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**
- August 17th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- August 17th, 3 – 4 pm ET: **WIR Joint Development & Implementation User Group Meeting**
- August 18th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Meeting**
- August 24th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Technical Workgroup Meeting**
- August 29th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**

AIRA REGIONAL MEETING IN HAWAII A SUCCESS

AIRA held a two-day Regional Meeting for Hawaii and the Pacific Islands in Honolulu, Hawaii on July 11th & 12th. The Regional Meeting provided an opportunity for training, mentoring, specialized assistance, and for participants to engage with colleagues from the region and discuss shared issues. Participants included representatives from Hawaii, Guam, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), American Samoa, CDC representatives and representatives of Envision, HLN Consulting and HPE. There were many engaging discussions over the course of the two days on a wide range of topics, including business requirements and the IT life cycle, key aspects of inventory management, coverage assessment using IIS data, interjurisdictional data exchange, and business plan development. Overall the two-day meeting was a very satisfying and productive experience and attendee evaluations were all extremely positive.

MACAW CONSIDERS VXU, ACK, QSP AND RSP IN DECATUR

The Measurement for Assessment and Certification Advisory Workgroup (MACAW) met in-person July 26th – 28th in Decatur, GA. The workgroup drafted the measures and test scenarios for submission (VXU), acknowledgment (ACK), query (QSP), and response (RSP). AIRA wants to send a special thank you to the following individuals that participated in this detailed 3-day meeting, and shared their considerable expertise: Brandy Altstadter (STC), Aaron Bieringer (MN), Kevin Snow (Envision), Wendy Nye (MI), Eric Schuh (HPE), Scott Benedict (NE), Laura Pabst (CDC), Rob Snelick (NIST), Jane Lammers (NV), and Amy Metroka (NYC). For more information about this workgroup, please visit the AIRA website. For questions, please contact Nichole Lambrecht, Sr. Project Manager.

IIS WANTED FOR AN ADDRESS CLEANSING PILOT PROJECT

AIRA's Joint Development and Implementation (JDI) Advisory Workgroup is currently working to identify and broadly distribute an address cleansing service that is cost-efficient, reliable, and easy for all IIS to use regardless of platform. Based on research and a survey of IIS programs, this service will provide address standardization/verification with geocoding. The solution will be provided as an option for all IIS. We need volunteer IIS to help us stand up a pilot project this fall. Would your IIS be interested? If so, please contact Maureen Neary at mneary@immregistries.org or (202) 553-5761.

AIRA'S UPDATED MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

To continue to serve the evolving needs of the IIS community, AIRA's membership structure will change October 1st. In addition to new membership opportunities, AIRA is introducing the AIRA Partnership Program as a new way to engage the IIS community and those interested in supporting AIRA's work. AIRA's *member* and *partner* benefits include:

♦ Discounted rates to AIRA meetings
♦ Use of an AIRA member/partner logo
♦ Recognition on AIRA's website

AIRA's upcoming membership and partnership year runs October 2016 – September 2017 but it's not too soon to start planning. We hope you will consider joining AIRA as a 2016-2017 Member and/or Partner. Please email Ketti Turcato with any membership or partnership questions.

AIRA's 2016-2017 Membership & Partnership Opportunities

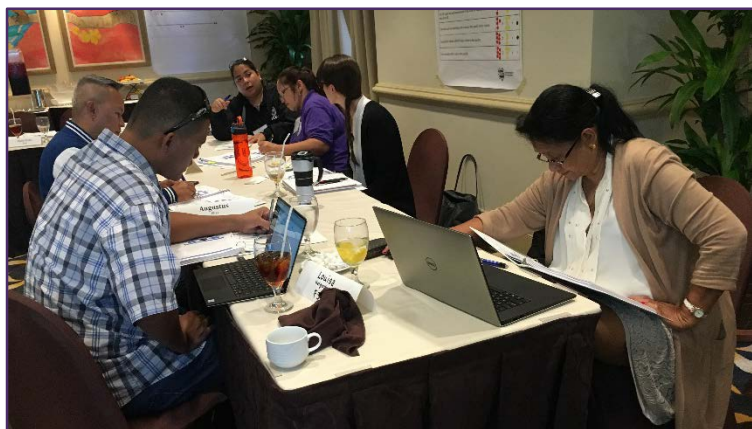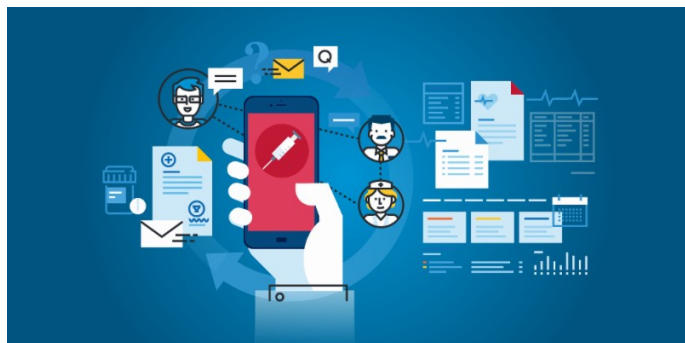# PHII HOSTS IIS LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS

Photo courtesy of Public Health Informatics Institute

Thirteen participants (eleven IIS Program Staff and two CDC Public Health Analysts) spent three full days attending the Fundamentals of IIS Leadership Training at the Guam Hilton in Tumon Bay June 27-29, 2016. This training was provided by the Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII). Participants included representatives from Guam, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and American Samoa. The curriculum was closely based on the PHII IIS New Managers Training Curriculum previously presented in Decatur, Georgia, but modified for Pacific Island participants. For more information on this training, see a related article in the next edition of SnapShots, which will be published at the end of August.

WEBINAR: USING IIS TO INCREASE HPV VACCINATION UPTAKE

The National Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Organization and the George Washington University (GW) Cancer Institute are sponsoring an upcoming webinar on Monday, August 22nd at 1:00pm ET on Using Immunization Information Systems to Increase HPV Vaccination Uptake. The GW Cancer Institute is promoting the implementation of IIS in health systems as key to preventing HPV-derived cancers. This webinar will feature speakers from AIRA, giving an overview of IIS, and from the North Dakota Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, providing insight into the real-world application of IIS. Click HERE to register.

AIRA 2015 – 2016 SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT: HLN CONSULTING

HLN Consulting is pleased to announce a new project with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) which will result in the incorporation of HLN's Open Source ICE Immunization Evaluation and Forecasting software into VistA, the EHR used by VHA, and its deployment system-wide over the next few years. VHA is the largest health system in the US (other than the Department of Defense). HLN has been collaborating with VHA and its Open Source partners in the Open Source Electronic Health Record Alliance (OSEHRA) for the past several years. This represents a major step forward for the Open Source movement in government and for higher quality immunization forecasting and evaluation. For more information, contact Noam Arzt (arzt@hln.com) or Mike Suralik (suralik@hln.com).

JULY RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) met on July 5th and received a progress update on the addendum to the [Analytic Guide for Assessing Vaccination Coverage Using an IIS.](). The *Data Validation Guide – For the IIS Onboarding Process was* sent out for external review and comments are due back to [Sherry Riddick]() by August 12th. Any questions about the project can be directed to AIRA Sr. Project Manager [Nichole Lambrecht]().

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on July 13th and reviewed the proposal to ballot the Implementation Guide through HL7. The committee was given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the details of the process. The SISC Technical Workgroup meeting on July 27th served as another opportunity to receive additional feedback and to hear from other groups who have balloted documents through HL7.

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee (ESC) met on July 20th and reviewed the first draft of the 2016 AIRA Education Survey. This survey is conducted every two years and is sent out to the AIRA membership to assess the community's education needs and interests. The survey results are used by ESC and other committees to identify and plan future focus areas.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on July 21st to review the high level results of the community survey on Consolidated IIS Records. Thirty responses were captured and the data is being analyzed further. Additionally, steering committee members updated the MIROW Charter and will present the recommended updates to the AIRA Board next month. As part of AIRA's cooperative agreement with CDC, AIRA is working on an evaluation of the MIROW process. Three surveys have been conducted as part of the last topic and AIRA is in the process of formalizing and summarizing the results. The MIROW Steering Committee will have a chance to help review and contribute content to the evaluation results once they are finalized.