

AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

APRIL 2016 IN REVIEW

AIRA 2016 NATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Nearly 350 members of the IIS community gathered in Seattle for the [AIRA 2016 National Meeting](#) in early April. Attendees represented 56 jurisdictions, 8 territories and over 60 businesses and non-profit organizations. Overall, evaluations from the meeting were very

positive. Many participants thought the meeting's content was highly relevant to their work and saw value in networking and learning from others in the IIS community. Participants especially liked this year's Ignite presentations (quick presentations designed to provide a lot of valuable information in just 5 minutes), the [meeting program](#) and the content relevant to the meeting's focus on cultivating community, establishing standards and supporting implementation.

Presentations from the AIRA 2016 National Meeting are available on [AIRA's website](#). If you were unable to attend the meeting or missed a particular session, we would encourage you to review slides from the breakout presentations for key information. If you would like additional information on a particular topic or have other feedback related to the National Meeting, please email info@immregistries.org. The Education Steering Committee is currently planning future educational webinars and is looking for content ideas. It is possible the topic you are interested in could become the focus of an upcoming webinar. AIRA is also interested in feedback to improve future meetings.

A [slideshow](#) highlighting our favorite pictures from the National Meeting is available [here](#). Thank you to everyone who participated in the meeting, our presenters for sharing such valuable content, our moderators for ensuring the meeting's success and our [2016 meeting sponsors](#). We look forward to the AIRA 2017 National Meeting in Chicago!

MAY AT AIRA

- May 2nd, 2 – 3:30pm ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**
- May 3rd, 12 – 1pm ET: **AART Q & A Session (#1)**
- May 3rd, 2 – 3pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- May 5th, 1 – 2pm ET: **AART Q & A Session (#2)**
- May 6th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Joint Development & Implementation Advisory Workgroup Meeting**
- May 11th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- May 12th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**
- May 16th, 2– 3 pm ET: **AIRA Board, Partners & Membership Meeting**
- May 18th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- May 19th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Meeting**
- May 23rd, 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session: MIROW Best Practices**
- May 25th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Technical Workgroup Meeting**
- May 25th, 3 – 4 pm ET: **Awardee Developed Joint Development User Group Meeting**

AIRA 2016 CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to this year's AIRA award recipients! The theme for the 2016 Centers of Excellence award was *innovative methods of capturing adult immunization data*. This award



New York City staff accept the AIRA 2016 Centers of Excellence award at the AIRA National Meeting.

was presented to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Immunization for their efforts to increase the number of adult immunizations in the Citywide Immunization Registry through partnerships with pharmacies and adult immunization providers.

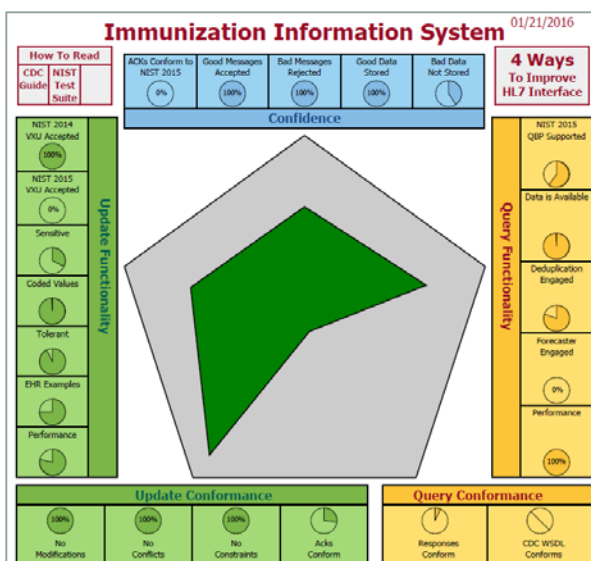
The 2016 Volunteer Service Awards were presented to Elaine Lowery, Kim Salisbury-Keith (Rhode Island) and Jenne McKibben (Oregon) for their dedication to furthering the progress of IIS and their commitment to AIRA's vision and goals. Each of these volunteers is actively involved in one of AIRA's committees. Elaine is

a special advisory to the AIRA Board of Directors, recently served on the Board for several terms, has been a MIROW co-chair for many years, and contributes greatly to MIROW's best practice development. Kim is currently serving on the Board of Directors, is active with SISC, the SISC technical workgroup, and chairs the HL7 immunization user group. Jenne is AIRA Board Secretary, a co-chair for the Education Steering Committee, and is on the planning committee for AIRA's regional and national meetings. We are grateful for our volunteers to contribute significantly to AIRA and the IIS community.

Gary Urquhart received the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award for his strong leadership within the IIS support branch of the CDC and his unwavering advocacy for IIS advancement during his career.



Jenne McKibben and Kim Salisbury-Keith receive AIRA 2016 Volunteer Service awards.



NEW TOOL FOR IIS ASSESSMENT: AGGREGATE ANALYSIS REPORTING TOOL (AART)

In 2015 AIRA began assessing IIS as part of the Interoperability Testing Project. The goal of this project was to discover how IIS were implementing the HL7 interfacing standard and to provide information to IIS on ways to more closely align with national standards. Now AIRA has real-time test connections to the majority of IIS test systems and has created a new system, the Aggregate



AART was highlighted during the AIRA 2016 National Meeting.

Analysis Reporting Tool (AART), which provides a dynamic report for IIS to review the results of this testing project. AIRA will be hosting upcoming webinars to introduce this new reporting tool and to provide a venue for participants to ask questions of the AIRA technical team.

UPCOMING AART WEBINARS

Do you have questions about the AART tool? Are you interested in learning more about how others have found this tool useful? AIRA is hosting two AART Question and Answer sessions for the IIS community. Please feel free to join this webinar and learn more about AART.

AART Q&A Session 1

- Tuesday, May 3, 2016
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST
- [Join WebEx Meeting](#)
- Meeting Number: 732 477 193
- Meeting Password: testing

AART Q&A Session 2

- Thursday, May 5, 2016
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm EST
- [Join WebEx Meeting](#)
- Meeting Number: 732 268 105
- Meeting Password: testing

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ON IIS ASSESSMENT AT AIRA NATIONAL MEETING

Over 160 members of the IIS community gathered early on a Wednesday morning in Seattle to weigh in on the community-driven IIS Assessment process that kicked off in 2015. Groups of up to ten participants discussed a series of questions, evaluating the past year of testing and discovery, and the upcoming transition to the development of established measures for IIS Assessment. Each discussion was facilitated by a community volunteer from AIRA's Board of Directors, Advisory Workgroups, Steering Committees or Staff.

In addition to the rich discussion, input on the questions and the discussion was gathered through participant and facilitator feedback forms that will be analyzed and summarized for the community in the coming weeks. The summary will be available on [AIRA's website](#).

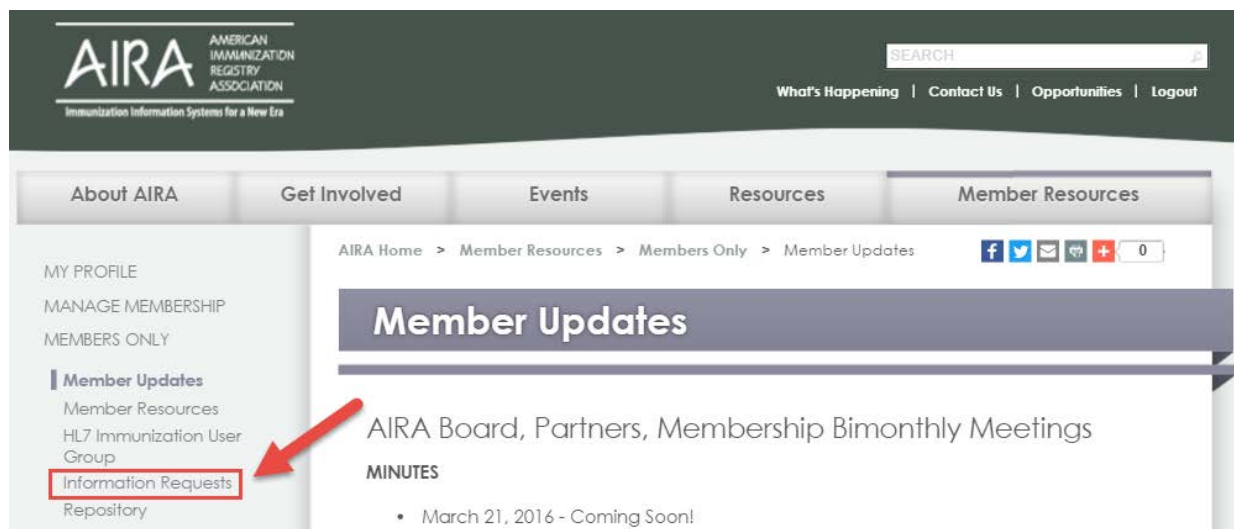
Special thanks to our facilitators for leading and documenting these invaluable discussions.

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| • Bridget Ahrens, Vermont | • Amy Groom, Indian Health Services | • Megan Meldrum, New York State |
| • Brandy Altstadter, STC | • Mandy Harris, Nevada | • Amy Metroka, New York City |
| • Belinda Baker, Washington | • Michelle Hood, Nebraska | • Beth Parilla, Minnesota |
| • Aaron Bieringer, Minnesota | • Therese Hoyle, Michigan | • Kim Salisbury-Keith, Rhode Island |
| • Bill Brand, PHII | • Nichole Lambrecht, AIRA | • Bhavani Sathya, New Jersey |
| • Alison Chi, AIRA | • Eric Larson, AIRA/CDC | • Kevin Snow, Envision |
| • Kevin Dombkowski, University of Michigan | • Tracy Little, Oregon | • Gary Wheeler, HPE |
| • Beth English, Massachusetts | • Jenne McKibben, Oregon | • Mary Woinarowicz, North Dakota |
| • Brittany Ersery, Kansas | | |

NEW LOCATION FOR AIRA INFORMATION REQUESTS

Each month, AIRA receives requests for information from our members. AIRA emails out these requests to solicit the collective expertise of the IIS community and summarizes the responses for the benefit of the entire community. In order to continue this community dialogue while preventing the information shared from being used in an unintended manner, these Information Requests have been relocated to the password protected Members Only section of AIRA's website. Please visit the [AIRA website](#) and click on Members Resources to log in.

This section of the website is accessible by both voting and non-voting individuals affiliated with member organizations. If you have any questions or are unable to access the Members Only section of our website, please email info@immregistries.org. Thank you to each of you who have contributed responses to our requests for information. We hope this change will foster the continuation of a vibrant and valuable community dialog.



JD&I ADDRESS CLEANSING, GEOCODING PROJECT UPDATE

The Joint Development and Implementation (JD&I) efforts have been underway for several months and are currently focused on an address cleansing and geocoding project. In October 2015, the JD&I Advisory Committee selected a JD&I proof of concept project. The first phase of this project includes assessing the IIS community's current address cleansing and geocoding efforts. During the second phase of the project, the workgroup will implement guidance and pursue standing up a centralized address cleansing and geocoding service for members of the IIS community. To assess the IIS community's current address cleansing and geocoding efforts, an initial survey was sent out to the AIRA community in March 2016.

Currently, in-depth interviews are being conducted with several IIS across the country that have already implemented address cleansing and/or geocoding in their local jurisdictions. Early findings of these interviews suggest there is significant variance across the IIS community in terms of current efforts. The methods vary significantly, and the outcomes also differ. Some IIS standardize addresses and others verify the address's validity and/or the current resident. Select IIS use this data for geocoding, mapping and coverage assessments. The results of these surveys and interviews will be published for community review this summer. For more information on AIRA's current Joint Development and Implementation efforts, please visit [AIRA's website](#).

AFIX-IIS INTEGRATION UPDATE

The next AFIX Quarterly Call will be held on May 5th from 2:00-3:30pm ET. This meeting will include a presentation from Eric Larson on CDSi for AFIX-IIS. During the first 30 minutes of the call, updates on the AFIX Program will be provided. The remaining hour of the call will include AFIX/IIS Integration Project updates.

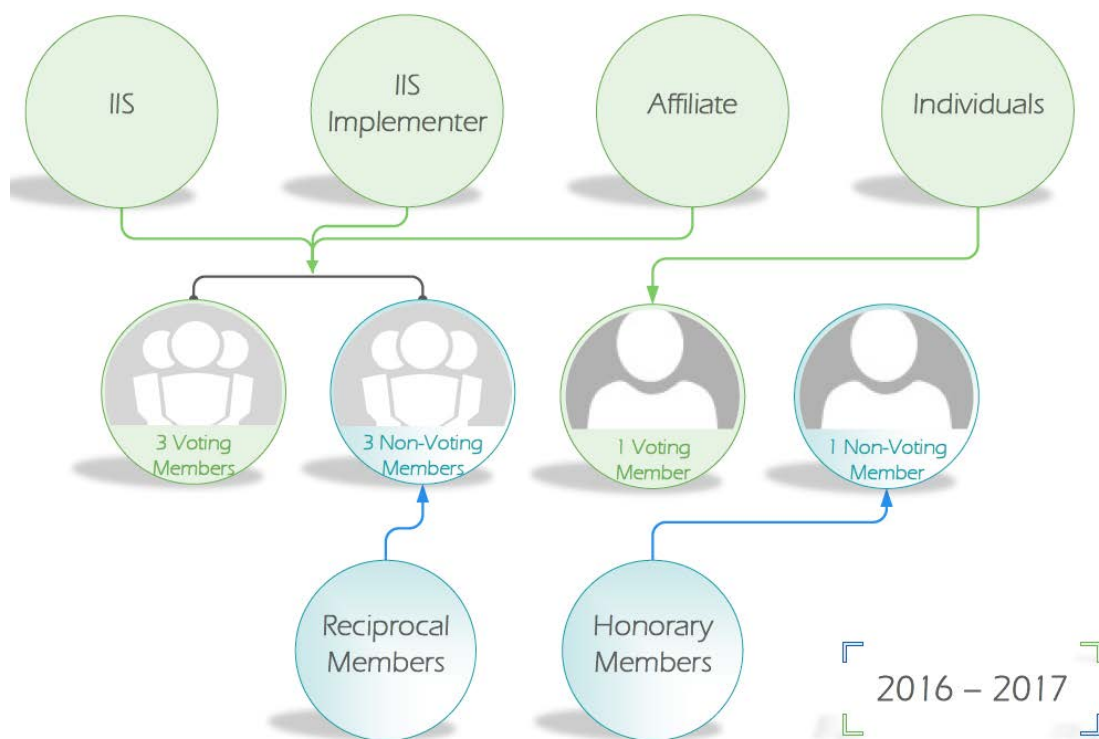
CDC held a two-day face-to-face meeting with STC in late April in Atlanta, GA. The purpose of the meeting was to provide project status updates to ensure current and future work is meeting the specific goals and objectives of each task order to produce improved immunization outcomes. The meeting provided important opportunities for increased communication and collaboration for the AFIX-IIS integration project.

Finally, CDC has submitted an abstract to present at the National Immunization Conference on this topic area in partnership with Envision, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Scientific Technology Corporation, Florida SHOTS and MCIR. The abstract focuses on the lessons learned during the AFIX-IIS integration project given the new collaborative approach. If you have any questions regarding AFIX-IIS integration, please email AFIXIIS@cdc.gov.

- submitted by Bobbie Strickland

AIRA'S NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS - EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2016

On October 1st, AIRA will implement a new membership structure that may impact existing members. To maintain a voice for IIS, AIRA will limit membership to IIS, IIS implementers, affiliates (non-profit organizations), select individuals and reciprocal and honorary members. Visit [AIRA's website](#) for details about AIRA's new membership structure. And for the first time, AIRA will also offer individuals, organizations and businesses a way to partner with AIRA through the new [Partnership Program](#). For questions regarding membership or the Partnership Program, please email info@immregistries.org.



APRIL RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) did not meet in April due to the AIRA 2016 National Meeting. The committee looks forward to reconvening on Tuesday, May 3rd at 2pm ET. The committee will be working on creating an addendum to the [Analytic Guide for Assessing Vaccination Coverage Using an IIS](#) in the upcoming months. This addendum will include case studies that explore ways in which IIS are being used for coverage assessments. The ASC is also beginning a data quality project that will develop an onboarding guide to help with the data quality assessment. This guide will leverage existing MIROW best practice guidelines and other IIS resources.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on April 13th and reviewed the technical assistance activity for April. This standing agenda item has been added in hopes that it will help define better standards across the SISC community. Jim Daniel from ONC also participated in the meeting as a follow up from the “Ask the Expert” session at the AIRA 2016 National Meeting and answered questions about Meaningful Use.
- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee Technical Workgroup met on April 27th and began discussion on what data should be sent in ORC-17. The workgroup plans to continue this discussion after a small group convenes to create a recommendation to present to the SISC Technical Workgroup based on the feedback and comments.

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee (ESC) met on April 20th. The committee discussed the AIRA 2016 National Meeting evaluations and discussed ways to improve the National Meeting in future years. The committee also highlighted successful sessions during the National Meeting that may be beneficial to highlight during upcoming educational webinars for the IIS community. The ESC’s most recent edition of the quarterly publication [SnapShots](#) is now available online.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on April 21st to select the list of volunteer subject matter experts (SME) for the upcoming topic of Consolidated IIS Records. Invitations will be sent out soon. AIRA is also looking to hire a part-time public health consultant to help develop the best practice guidelines for the upcoming topic. Selection will be finalized in early May. MIROW also hosted an interactive session at the AIRA 2016 National Meeting to discuss the upcoming topic. The session was well attended and a turn-around-document will be developed summarizing the session content. Full and mini guides for the DI-v-EDE topic (completed in March) will be published in May. The next regularly scheduled call is scheduled for May 19, 2016.