AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

JANUARY 2016 IN REVIEW

REGISTRATION FOR THE AIRA 2016 NATIONAL MEETING IS OPEN

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY
ESTABLISHING STANDARDS
SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION

National Meeting
SEATTLE, WA
APRIL 5-7 2016

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Registration is open for the AIRA 2016 National Meeting to be held April 5-7 at the Westin Seattle in Seattle, Washington.

AIRA members are able to register at a discounted rate. If you would like to see if your organization holds a current membership with AIRA, please click HERE. Contact Amanda Branham to obtain the access code if you are a current member and did not receive an access code by email. **Please note the Early Bird Registration Rate expires Friday, March 4th.**

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

For hotel reservations, please visit https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/AIRA2016 to book online, or call 1-888-627-8513 and mention the AIRA room block to receive the discounted room block rate of $217. The room

FEBRUARY AT AIRA

- February 1st, 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**

- February 2nd, 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**

- February 10th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**

- February 11th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group Meeting**

- February 17th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**

- February 17th, 1- 2pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Technical Workgroup Meeting**

- February 17th, 3 – 4 pm ET: **WIR Joint Development User Group Meeting**

- February 18th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**

- February 22nd, 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**

- February 24th – 26th: **AIRA In-person Board Meeting**

- February 29th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **Introduction to the VTrckS ExIS Usability Best Practices Catalog Webinar**

block rate includes complimentary standard 3.0MB wireless internet in guest rooms. If you are planning on attending the National Meeting, we encourage you to reserve your hotel room as soon as possible. The discounted room rate is available until **March 7, 2016** and is subject to availability. If you require a room at the government rate, please contact Carmela Gupta for assistance. The government rate is not guaranteed but we will do what we can to assist.

The Westin Seattle
1900 5th Avenue · Seattle, Washington 98101
(206) 728-1000

AIRA WELCOMES NEW STAFF

With all of the increased activities at AIRA there is greater need for additional support. AIRA welcomes two new staff members to provide leadership and support on various initiatives. Maureen Neary, previously an independent consultant who has been working on a variety of projects for AIRA for the last 18 months has joined AIRA full-time to serve as Senior Project Manager. Amanda Dayton, IIS Manager for North Carolina for 3 years, has joined AIRA to serve in the newly created position of Business & Grants Manager. Maureen and Amanda, we welcome you warmly to AIRA and look forward to sharing your expertise with the entire IIS community!

Maureen Neary   Amanda Dayton

CHANGE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

AIRA's partner organization Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) has begun a project to focus on developing capacity for change management. As part of this initiative AIRA staff attended a 3 day change management training in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In the Prosci model of change management, there are three elements critical to project success: leadership/sponsorship, project management, and change management. Most are familiar with the first two elements. The third, change management, is defined as the process, tools and techniques to manage the people side of change to achieve required results. Look for more information about change management capacity development in coming months, as we look to strengthen the capacity of the IIS community to navigate the never ending need to evolve.

AIRA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

AIRA is excited to announce that we are expanding the technical assistance that we can offer to our members. With a growing number of staff who have experience in IIS program and technical operations, we have an increased ability to respond to technical assistance requests. These requests can take many forms, from a phone conversation to discuss issues your IIS may be facing, to webinar style trainings and/or in-person training/consultation. This assistance will be provided as a benefit of AIRA membership, and we will do our best to accommodate all requests within the scope of our available resources.

To request assistance, please fill out and submit the request form on AIRA's website and a team member will contact you to connect you with a staff and/or peer subject matter expert

as appropriate. You may still submit an information request to be sent to the community, or request technical assistance by sending an email to info@immregistries.org.

We will continue to explore new opportunities to better meet the needs of our membership. We look forward to hearing from you!

CAIR 2.0 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT

On January 28-29, 2016, at the request of California's new Immunization Program Manager, three AIRA staff traveled to Richmond, California to meet with staff on the California team. The goal of the visit was to learn about the state's transition plans as they prepare to roll out CAIR 2.0 at the end of this calendar year, and to provide consultation on their planning and implementation process.

The California team brought together a broad set of skilled and experienced staff members to share how their roles and responsibilities would assure a smooth transition, from top leadership to technical expertise, to front-line trainers and testers. California's IIS Vendor was also represented to share about the intersection of program and vendor activities. Nathan Bunker, AIRA's Senior Technical Manager, and Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA's Policy and Planning Director, spent two full days with the CAIR 2.0 team discussing their approach. Rebecca Coyle, AIRA's Executive Director, met with the team on day 2 to talk about leveraging external stakeholders and peer support. California will be consolidating seven regional IIS that comprise CAIR 1.0 into one instance of CAIR 2.0, a WIR-based product that will become a full statewide IIS. Three regional or county systems will feed into and exchange data with CAIR 2.0 as well. The California team was generous in sharing their documentation and information, and the AIRA team is excited to provide recommendations, tools, and lessons learned from the broader AIRA member base to support their transition.

If your IIS is interested in requesting assistance, please fill out and submit the request form on AIRA's website and a team member will contact you to connect you with a staff and/or peer subject matter expert as appropriate, and we will do our best to accommodate all requests within the scope of our available resources.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR AIRA MEMBERSHIP

We hope you will consider becoming a 2015-2016 AIRA member if you have not renewed already. AIRA's renewed members include 46 states and territories, 13 businesses and non-profits and 23 individual members. AIRA's current sponsors include HLN Consulting, LLC, HP Enterprise Services and Envision Technology Partners, Inc. We hope you will join this group of members committed to promoting and supporting IIS. You can renew your membership, or become an AIRA member for the first time, online or by contacting Amanda Branham at abranham@immregistries.org.

AIRA membership benefits include:

- Discounts to AIRA-sponsored events, including the 2016 National Meeting
- Voting privileges
- Participation on committees and workgroups, including the HL7 immunization user group
- Access to members only resources
- A subscription to SnapShots

Please check the map below or AIRA's website to determine if your organization has renewed its 2015-2016 AIRA membership.

AIRA Membership Dues Status

Paid Dues · Unpaid Dues · Partial Payment · Payment Pending

Membership status as of 1.28.2016

REMINDER: INTRODUCTION TO THE VTRCKS EXIS USABILITY BEST PRACTICES CATALOG WEBINAR

The Education Steering Committee will be hosting a webinar on the ExIS Usability Best Practices Catalog on Monday, February 29th at 4:00 pm ET/1:00 pm PT. The ExIS Usability Best Practices Catalog documents best practices for vaccine ordering and inventory management. During this webinar participants will learn about usability, see a demonstration of the Catalog, and hear tips on how the Catalog can be used to support continuous improvement of ExIS solutions.

WebEx Information:
Join WebEx meeting
Meeting Number: 731 573 060
Meeting Password: registry

Join by Phone:
Dialing Information: 1-800-326-0013
Passcode: 1670187#

JANUARY RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) met on January 5th. The committee reviewed the proposed scope for the Quality Assurance Implementation Guidelines project. It has been determined that the project will be broken up into 2 phases over the next 2 years. A SME workgroup will convene every 2 weeks for the next several months while reviewing the resources collected and will then convene monthly to review drafts of the guide.

- The ASC will be hosting a webinar to introduce the Analytic Guide for Coverage Assessment Using an IIS on Monday, March 14th at 3:00 pm ET. Details for this webinar can be found on the AIRA website.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on January 13th. The SISC continued the discussion on the timeline for the next release of the Implementation Guide. AIRA and CDC will meet to create a proposal that incorporates the ideas suggested during the meeting. The SISC will also be working on the vocabulary for the next release to bring clarity to some of the value sets.

- The SISC Technical Workgroup met on January 27th and began a discussion about the use of "other" when sending a refusal reason with NIP002. This topic will be revisited during the February SISC meeting. The Technical Workgroup meeting has been rescheduled for February 17th at 1:00 pm ET due to a scheduling conflict.

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee (ESC) met on January 20th. A regional meeting will be held in Hawaii in July 2016. The ESC is also looking into hosting a southeast regional meeting in Atlanta, GA in the fall of 2016.

- The ESC will be hosting a webinar on February 29th that will provide an introduction to VTrks ExIS Usability Best Practice Catalog. Details for this webinar can be found on the AIRA website.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee (SC) met on January 21st to continue to develop the scope for the next topic and discuss the status of the current topic "Decrementing Inventory via Electronic Data Exchange (DI-v-EDE)." A draft was released at the end of January for internal review and will be released to the community for external review at the beginning of March. A special call was scheduled (February 11) to further develop the next topic's scope and continue to plan for the interactive workshop scheduled for the AIRA conference. The MIROW SC has decided to send out a request to the community for volunteers for the next topic. An announcement will go out later this month with more details.