AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

DECEMBER 2015 IN REVIEW

REGISTRATION FOR THE AIRA 2016 NATIONAL MEETING IS OPEN

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AIRA National Meeting
SEATTLE, WA
APRIL 5-7 2016

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Registration is now 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 UNDERLINE. Contact Amanda Branham to obtain the access code if you are a current member and did not receive an access code by email.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY
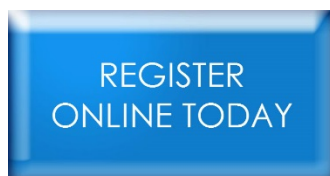
For hotel reservations, please visit https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/AIRA2016 to book online, or call 1-888-627-8513 and mention the AIRA room block to receive the discounted room block rate of $217. The room block rate includes complimentary standard 3.0MB wireless

JANUARY AT AIRA

- January 4th, 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**

- January 5th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**

- January 13th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**

- January 14th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group Meeting**

- January 20th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**

- January 20th, 3 – 4 pm ET: **WIR Joint Development User Group Meeting**

- January 21st, 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**

- January 25th, 2 – 3:00 pm ET: AIRA Board, Partner & Membership Meeting

- January 25th, 3 – 4:00 pm ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**

- January 25th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**

- January 27th, 1- 2pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Technical Workgroup Meeting**

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 THANKS CURRENT 2016 NATIONAL MEETING SPONSORS!

Gold Sponsors

Please consider becoming a sponsor. As a sponsor of the 2016 IIS National Meeting, your company or organization will receive recognition on meeting materials and the AIRA website. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available, offering your organization significant exposure to our meeting attendees. The meeting will also offer an excellent opportunity for informal networking and information sharing among all attendees. Please view the Sponsorship Form for the various sponsorship levels and benefits.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2016 AIRA AWARDS

Many of you do incredible work in the IIS community and we want to recognize your efforts and contributions. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to **win travel & registration reimbursement** to the National Meeting in Seattle!

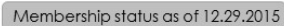Beginning on Wednesday, January 6th, we will be accepting nominations for two categories of awards:

- **Centers of Excellence Awards** (2016)
    - This year's topic is *Innovative Methods of Capturing Adult Immunization Data.*
    - The top 2 finalists will receive reimbursement for airfare, lodging, per diem and registration to the 2016 National Meeting in Seattle.

- **Volunteer Service Awards** (2016)
    - These awards are open to individuals who volunteered in and/or worked with AIRA and who have demonstrated exemplary dedication to the IIS community.
    - Attendance at the National Meeting is not part of the selection criteria.

Nominations are due by Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 11:59 pm PT. An email will be sent with a link to the nomination form once the call for nominations officially opens on Wednesday, January 6th.

Winners will be announced during the 2016 National Meeting Awards Reception. We hope you will take the time to submit a nomination!

PLEASE RENEW YOUR AIRA MEMBERSHIP

We hope you will consider becoming a 2015-2016 AIRA member. AIRA's renewed members include 44 states and territories, 13 businesses and non-profits and 20 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

Membership status as of 12.29.2015

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT KICK-OFF MEETING

On December 9th and 10th, AIRA staff attended a Cooperative Agreement kick-off meeting in Atlanta, GA with CDC/IISSB leadership. The first day of the meeting focused on the IIS Capacity Building & Operations Support Cooperative Agreement AIRA was recently awarded. Discussion centered around the activities AIRA has planned for the first year of this cooperative agreement, such as the data quality evaluation work the Assessment Steering Committee is supporting and the creation of consensus-based IIS operational guidelines that are in development by the Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) and the Modeling of Immunization Registry Operations Workgroup (MIROW).

The second day of the meeting focused on the activities AIRA has planned for the second year of its Standards Cooperative Agreement, the purpose of which is to enhance standards support for the IIS community. Work plans and timelines were discussed for each of the five key objectives of this cooperative agreement, including the joint/collaborative development initiative and the interoperability testing project currently underway. This kick-off 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 received.

JOINT DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION (JD&I) WORKGROUP PROJECT SELECTION

At the in-person meeting in October, the Joint Development Advisory Workgroup explored three candidate projects, and selected one project to serve as a proof of concept to forward on to the AIRA Board for approval. At the AIRA Board's December meeting on December 7th, the Board approved the selected project, so a small working group has been convened to scope and launch this project into action. The project focuses on address cleansing and geocoding, and is striving to develop guidance and offer a centralized service to support address cleansing. The project's preliminary scope has four primary components:

- Address correction in accordance with USPS
- Address completeness and accuracy (addressing missing or mismatched data)
- Geocoding
- Phone number clarification (tracking multiple phone numbers, differentiating between land lines and mobile lines)

The Advisory Workgroup also drafted a new core challenge statement that further focuses JD&I's work on implementation:

Leverage and share resources to improve the consistency,
quality, and/or cost effectiveness of IIS implementation projects

Additional small working groups have been convened to address other lanes of JD&I's strategic plan, including governance, communications, and the knowledge repository that will support this collaborative work.

Outreach is underway to gather lessons learned from across the community about current practices in use. If your IIS uses a specific address cleansing or geocoding service, please share this information by email with Mary Beth Kurilo. We look forward to sharing more about this project with the community as it gets off the ground. Questions? Contact Mary Beth Kurilo.

REMINDER: AFIX-IIS GUIDELINES WEBINAR

As a reminder, the Education Steering Committee will be hosting a webinar on the AFIX-IIS Guidelines on Tuesday, January 12th at 3:30 pm ET/12:30 pm PT. This webinar will feature Bridget Ahrens (Vermont), Sudha Setty (Minnesota), and Kim Salisbury-Keith (Rhode Island). During the webinar, participants will have the opportunity to hear about each state's experience implementing the AFIX guidelines into their programs.

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SAVE THE DATE: 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 4:00pm ET/1:00pm 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.

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DECEMBER RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) met on December 1st. The committee reviewed proposed scopes for a list of candidate data quality projects and decided to move forward with the development of a quality assurance implementation guide. The AIRA staff and a few ASC volunteers will further develop the project scope and present it at the January 5th meeting.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) and the Technical Workgroup combined their meetings on December 16th. The SISC began discussing the timeline for the release of the next version of the Implementation Guide. After much discussion the committee decided to create a list of proposed topics and determine which topics require a shorter or longer timeline. This discussion will be revisited in early 2016 to put together a more concrete timeline and goals.

- The SISC also discussed the NK1 Segments relationships and roles. The goal of the discussion was to get an understanding on what data the IIS is trying to extract from the NK1 statements, and what assumptions are being made about the role of the person in the NK1. The next step for the SISC will be to follow up and try to put definitions around these roles (i.e. legal guardian, care giver, next of kin).

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee (ESC) met on December 16th. The ESC is currently working to find dates and locations for two Regional Meetings in 2016.

- The ESC will be hosting a webinar on AFIX-IIS Guidelines on Tuesday, January 12th at 3:30 pm ET. Details for this webinar can be found on the AIRA website here. The ESC will be hosting another webinar on February 29th that will provide an introduction to VTrks ExIS Usability Best Practice Catalog.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee (SC) met on December 17th and voted on the next topic for development. A basic scope was discussed and will be finalized in the coming months. The current chapter "Decrementing Inventory via Electronic Data Exchange (DI-v-EDE)" is still underway with a goal of being ready for internal review in late January. Once the internal review process has been completed, the document will then be released for external (community) review. The next monthly call is scheduled for January 21, 2016.