

# AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2015 IN REVIEW

## PLEASE RENEW YOUR AIRA MEMBERSHIP

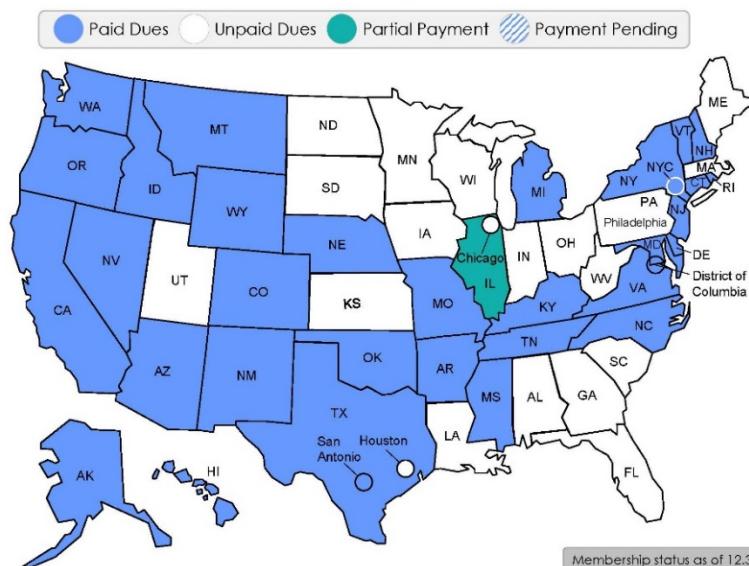
We hope you will consider becoming a 2015-2016 AIRA member. AIRA's renewed members include 35 states and territories, 13 businesses and non-profits and 18 individual members. AIRA's current sponsors include HLN Consulting, LLC, HP Enterprise Services and Envision Technology Partners, Inc. We hope you 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](mailto: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 their 2015-2016 AIRA membership.

## AIRA Membership Dues Status



## DECEMBER AT AIRA

- December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 – 3 pm  
ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**
- December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3 pm  
ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group Meeting**
- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 5 pm  
ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**
- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1- 2pm  
ET: **Combined Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee/ Technical Workgroup Meeting**
- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2 pm  
ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3 pm  
ET: **Grantee Developed Joint Development User Group Meeting**
- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 – 4 pm  
ET: **WIR Joint Development User Group Meeting**
- December 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 5 pm  
ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**
- December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**

## SAVE THE DATE: AFIX-IIS GUIDELINES WEBINAR

The Education Steering Committee will be hosting a webinar on the AFIX-IIS Guidelines on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### WebEx Information:

[Join WebEx meeting](#)

Meeting Number: 318 028 154

Meeting Password: registry

### Join by Phone:

Dialing Information: 1-800-326-0013

Passcode: 1670187#

## EUROPEAN CDC IIS TECHNICAL EXPERT MEETING

On November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, Rebecca Coyle, AIRA Executive Director, attended a European CDC IIS technical expert meeting on immunization information systems in Stockholm, Sweden. This meeting was intended to pull together subject matter experts with experience designing, developing, and implementing electronic immunization information systems with a goal of developing a handbook or guide for countries or jurisdictions wanting to start an IIS.

This meeting included subject matter experts from a number of European countries including: Albania, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden and as well as others from the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, Australia, U.S. CDC, and others. During the first day the focus was on learning more about the status of an IIS in each country/organization, identifying key stakeholders and ways to engage stakeholders and the roles they can play in advocating for an IIS. During the second day recent developments around data protection in the European Union (EU) and how this may possibly affect IIS and public health initiatives were discussed as were the key characteristics and features of an IIS. The meeting concluded with discussion surrounding the next steps of the current technical expert group.



Throughout the meeting there were multiple references to the documents and artifacts on the AIRA, CDC, and PHIL websites, as well as ways to capture what has already been done, but modify them to meet the current needs. In the coming months the ECDC staff will be working on documenting the meeting outcome as well as compiling existing information and

identifying the gaps for the current needs. While much of the work was centered on the needs of the EU, the reality is that much of the work they are conducting will benefit many jurisdictions both in the United States and abroad. AIRA will pass along information as it is developed.

## AMERICAN MEDICAL INFORMATICS ASSOCIATION (AMIA) ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Alison Chi, AIRA Program Director, attended the AMIA 2015 Annual Symposium which was held in San Francisco, California November 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Alison participated in a panel presentation titled “Public Health Community Platform: A solution for a modern public health enterprise.” AIRA has participated as a stakeholder in this Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) led initiative to provide a forum for common information exchange and development of innovative and interoperable systems. To learn more about this project you can visit [www.thephcp.org](http://www.thephcp.org).

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## NOVEMBER RECAP

### Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) met on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. ASC members reviewed the ideas presented during the ad-hoc ASC meeting for an IIS data quality evaluation project. The ASC members were able to discuss data quality further and provide additional recommendations. AIRA staff will be taking time to scope out the list of potential ideas and provide candidate project descriptions for the ASC members for the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on November 9<sup>th</sup> and discussed ONC Test Messages for EHR Certification. Craig Newman reminded the members that the 2015 Test Procedures for EHRs is out for comment. The development of these test procedures is a collaboration between NIST, CDC, AIRA, and ONC. Rob Savage and Craig Newman are representing CDC and AIRA and have been acting as subject matter experts for the development of the test procedures.
- Due to a scheduling conflict the AIRA SISC and the SISC Technical Workgroup will combine their meetings for the month of December on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm ET.

### Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee (ESC) met on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The ESC has been working with PHII as they develop a Competency Domain Model. Their goal is to develop some workforce tools that will help the IIS recruit and retain solid staffing.
- The ESC hosted a webinar on November 18<sup>th</sup>, featuring CDSi presentations from Eric Larson and Stuart Myerburg. The ESC will also be hosting another webinar on AFIX-IIS Guidelines on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm ET. Details for this webinar can be found on the AIRA website [here](#).

**MIROW Steering Committee**

- The MIROW Steering Committee (SC) met on November 19<sup>th</sup> and discussed the selection process for the next topic. Several topics were discussed in detail and the SC plans to vote on the topic of choice on the next call. The next call is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>.