

# AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

## OCTOBER 2015 IN REVIEW

## PLEASE RENEW YOUR AIRA MEMBERSHIP

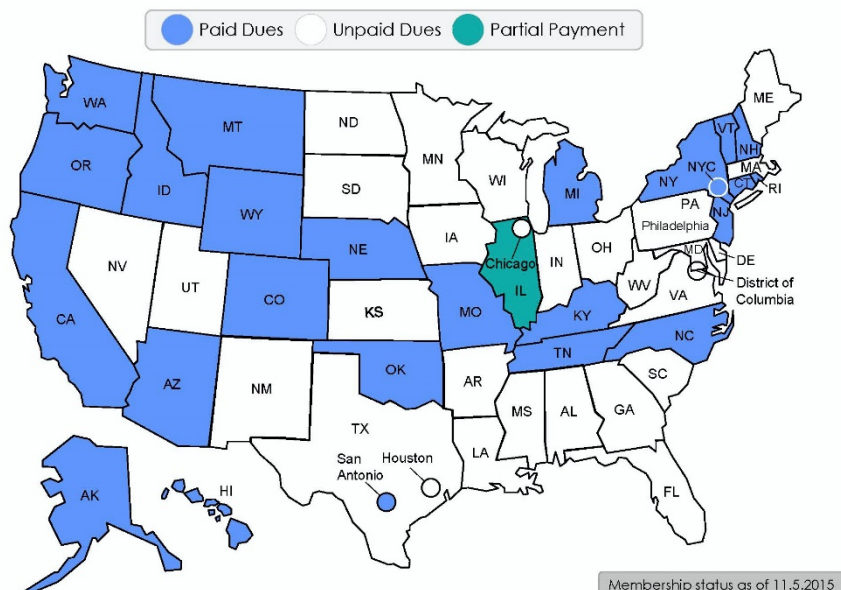
We hope you will consider becoming a 2015-2016 AIRA member. AIRA's renewed members include 25 states and territories, 13 businesses and non-profits and 16 individual members. AIRA's current sponsors include HLN Consulting, LLC, HP Enterprise Services and Envision Technology Partners, Inc. We hope you 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



## NOVEMBER AT AIRA

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-2 pm ET: **2016 Standards Advisory Community Webinar**
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- November 9<sup>th</sup> 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- November 12<sup>th</sup> 1 – 2 pm ET: **Beyond Meaningful Use Webinar**
- November 12<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group Meeting**
- November 16<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **AIRA Board, Partners & Membership Meeting**
- November 16<sup>th</sup> 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**
- November 18<sup>th</sup> 1- 2pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Technical Workgroup Meeting**
- November 18<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- November 18<sup>th</sup> 3 – 4 pm ET: **WIR Joint Development User Group**
- November 18<sup>th</sup> 4 – 5 pm ET: **Clinical Decision Support for Immunization Webinar**
- November 19<sup>th</sup> 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**

## JOINT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY WORKGROUP IN-PERSON MEETING

The IIS Joint Development Advisory Workgroup met in Decatur, Georgia on October 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> for their first in-person meeting. The group is made up of representatives from across the IIS program and vendor community, and includes key stakeholders from partner organizations such as the CDC and PHIL. The overall charge of the group is to develop governance for IIS Joint Development across the community, and the in-person meeting goal was to select and plan for an initial joint development project that would serve as a vehicle for governance development. The intent of this project-based work was to ensure that the governance planning was based in concrete, real-world issues.

The two day meeting was full of both conceptual and practical discussions regarding the focus of joint development. The workgroup reviewed three candidate projects:

- 1) Implementation of HL7 Acknowledgement Messaging
- 2) Development of HL7 Query Guidance
- 3) Development of Data Quality Tool(s)

In the course of the meeting, the group challenged itself to determine and define what made this effort distinct from the myriad other projects underway across the IIS community that function collaboratively. This effort yielded a new "central challenge" statement that the workgroup will validate at its November meeting.

On the whole, the meeting served as another excellent example for how valuable it can be for our community to come together in person to dive deeply into specific topics. The rich discussion and key outcomes were a direct result of broad involvement and investment across our IIS network. More information will be shared in the coming weeks about the joint development group's project focus, but AIRA staff want to thank all the participants for an excellent meeting.

For more information, contact Mary Beth Kurilo at [mbkurilo@immregistries.org](mailto:mbkurilo@immregistries.org).

## JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS TASKFORCE (JPHIT) UPDATES

- The **Call for CSTE 2016 Abstracts** is now open for the #CSTE2016 Annual Conference in Anchorage, AK! [www.csteconference.com](http://www.csteconference.com). The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists is a member organization for applied public health epidemiologists and other public health professionals. Follow CSTE on Twitter and Facebook for continued updates.
- The public comment period for the **Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Health IT Certification Program 2015 Edition Draft Test Procedures** is open now until November 30, 2015. Review the drafts, and submit comments at: <http://confluence.oncprojecttracking.org/display/ONCCERT2015/ONC+Health+IT+Certification+Program+2015+Edition+Test+Methods+Home>

- Start Planning Your Abstract for the **2016 Public Health Informatics Conference** - The 2016 Public Health Informatics Conference abstract submission process will open in December 2015; to be ready when the abstract submissions period opens, start planning your abstract now. Presenters will be asked to select one of the topic areas (<http://phiconference.org/abstract-instructions/>) that most closely aligns with the content of the proposed abstract. See the Conference At-A-Glance to learn how presenting at the 2016 Public Health Informatics Conference provides an opportunity to share your research and best practices with a national audience.

## OCTOBER RECAP

### Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee met on October 6<sup>th</sup>. ASC members reviewed AIRA's Capacity Cooperative Agreement with the CDC, focusing on the first strategy: develop methodologies for IIS data quality evaluation. An ad-hoc ASC meeting was held October 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss data quality further and provide recommendations for an IIS data quality evaluation project.

### Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee met on October 14<sup>th</sup> and reviewed an Acknowledgment (ACK) Message Guidance document. The committee voted to bring the guidance document to the AIRA Board for recommendations on next steps.
- AIRA will not be commenting on the recently released Stage 3 Meaningful Use rule as ONC is asking for specific comments unrelated to immunizations.
- An SISC technical workgroup will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT (except in November and December, when it will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month). The Technical Workgroup is addressing procedural concerns regarding how the workgroup will bring technical resolutions back to SISC. Craig Newman (CDC and SISC co-chair) will submit a list of potential workgroup topics to SISC to ensure there is consensus on the workgroup's process. SISC continues to discuss the implications for adapting resolutions for implementation in light of EHR certification.

### Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee met on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The ESC is hosting a webinar on November 18th, featuring CDSi presentations from Eric Larson and Stuart Myerburg. An IIS AFIX Phase I guidance webinar will also be scheduled in mid-January; Bridget Ahrens (VT), Kim Salisbury-Keith (RI) and Sudha Setty (MN) will present. Katie Reed (HP) is coordinating the next issue of SnapShots.
- A Regional Meeting was held on October 16th in San Diego, CA; 37 attendees participated including AIRA staff. Attendees discussed the AFIX-IIS integration funding opportunity, learned about open source and IIS, discussed the need for standards around forecasters, maintaining and updating HL7 interfaces, and lessons learned with data exchange. Attendees also discussed data quality challenges, and agreed that

while the IIS community also has received a lot of guidance on data quality from MIROW, a simple how-to guide may be helpful.

**MIROW Steering Committee**

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on October 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss abstracts submitted for the upcoming AIRA National Meeting. The current topic "*Deducting Inventory via Electronic Data Exchange*" is underway and estimated to be available for community review before the 2016 AIRA National Meeting. Please note that a few changes were made to the recent micro-guide titled "*Lot Number Patterns by Manufacturer and Vaccine Table*." Most notable is the clarification that all lot numbers should assume to use capital letters (not lower case).