



## AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

AUGUST 2015 IN REVIEW

### 2015-2016 AIRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

What do New Jersey, Tennessee and HLN Consulting, LLC all have in common?

They were the first to join AIRA as members for 2015-16!

A big thanks to HLN Consulting, LLC who has partnered again with AIRA for this upcoming year in becoming our first sponsor to renew their membership. We are also grateful for TN and NJ's 2015-16 membership. For all other partners, organizations, businesses and individuals, we hope you will become AIRA members for the October 2015 through September 2016 membership year. AIRA's current membership includes 50 states and territories, 8 businesses, 4 sponsors and 30 individual members. We hope you will join this group of members committed to promoting and supporting IIS.

AIRA membership benefits include:

- Members-only rates for AIRA-sponsored events
- Access to members only resources
- A subscription to SnapShots
- Participation on committees and workgroups, including the HL7 immunization user group
- Voting privileges

To become an AIRA member, [renew your membership online](#) or contact Ketti Turcato at [kturcato@immregistries.org](mailto:kturcato@immregistries.org) or (202) 759-0186.

### UPCOMING WEBINARS ON AIRA'S INTEROPERABILITY TESTING PROJECT

We hope you will join us for a webinar on the [AIRA Interoperability Testing Project](#). In order to make it possible for the most people to attend, the webinar will be offered twice. The webinar will include highlights of the project and a review of the detailed analysis available to all sites that participate. IIS that are not yet involved in this project are especially encouraged to attend to learn more about this important testing effort.

#### SEPTEMBER AT AIRA

- September 1<sup>st</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- September 9<sup>th</sup> 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- September 10<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group Meeting**
- September 14<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **Executive Committee Meeting**
- September 16<sup>th</sup> 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- September 16<sup>th</sup> 3 – 4 pm ET: **WIR Joint Development User Group Meeting**
- September 17<sup>th</sup> 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**
- September 21<sup>st</sup> 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Board, Partners and Members Meeting**
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **Grantee Developed User Group Meeting**

The webinar will be offered on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> (11am ET) and Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> (3:30pm ET).

**Dialing Information for both sessions:**

Call Number: 1-855-747-8824 (toll-free)

Passcode: 457 913 6192

**WebEx Information**

September 10<sup>th</sup>: click [here](#) to join the webinar

Meeting number: 738 961 431

Password: interface

September 11<sup>th</sup>: click [here](#) to join the webinar

Meeting number: 733 143 474.

Password: interface

We hope you can join us!

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## AUGUST RECAP

### Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) met on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and used the meeting time to hold an interactive discussion on data quality. Massachusetts shared their methods for improving data quality efforts and other members including Oregon, San Diego and Colorado discussed their protocols for improving data quality. ASC looked at phases of data quality (i.e. pre-certification, certification, etc.) that impact assessment. Next month, the committee will receive a draft evaluation of the Data Quality Assurance Tool project for review and discussion.

### Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee met on August 12<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, Eric Larson asked the committee for feedback on changes he was proposing to the SOAP transport protocol document. Committee members also received an update on the functional guide. The committee discussed that there are known issues and inconsistencies to address in the next version of the HL7 Implementation Guide that may not be addressed in an addendum. The committee discussed ways to track these issues and how to communicate any resolutions to the rest of the IIS community. Next month, the Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee will discuss the possibility of a standard release schedule for future implementation guides, recognizing it takes time for IIS and EHRs to update their systems.

### Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee met on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Education Steering Committee plans to conduct additional webinars next year. One of the IIS community's biggest concern seems to be improving data quality. The Education Steering Committee will likely hold a webinar on this topic but please email Carmela Gupta at [cgupta@immregistries.org](mailto:cgupta@immregistries.org) if you have other ideas for future webinars. The next edition of SnapShots is expected to be published by the end of August. AIRA's next Regional Meeting will be held in San Diego on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**MIROW Steering Committee**

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The new micro-guide “Lot Number Patterns by Manufacturer and Vaccine Table” has been published and is available on the [AIRA website](#). It will be printed in the coming month and sent to awardees.
- The group is working on updating the MIROW brochure “IIS-Keeping pace with evolving public health initiatives.”
- A MIROW subject matter expert panel has also been working on the next topic, decrementing inventory via electronic data exchange. The goal is to have to best practice guidance available for community review early spring 2016.