AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

AMERICAN IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY ASSOCIATION
Immunization Information Systems for a New Era

JULY 2015 IN REVIEW

In this Monthly Update…

2015-2016 AIRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We hope our members will begin planning and budgeting to renew their AIRA membership for 2015. AIRA's annual membership cycle runs October 1st through September 30th and so our annual membership drive will begin this fall. AIRA offers membership to organizations and individuals that share and support our mission of preventing and controlling vaccine preventable disease by enhancing the capacity of IIS. AIRA currently has a stronger membership base than ever before with nearly 65 non-profit organizations represented (including 47 states and 3 territories), 8 businesses, 4 sponsors and 30 individual members!

AIRA Membership Dues Status

Paid Dues   Unpaid Dues   Will Become AIRA Members in 2015-2016

For a complete list of members, please visit our website.

AIRA provides many benefits to its members and we encourage everyone to consider
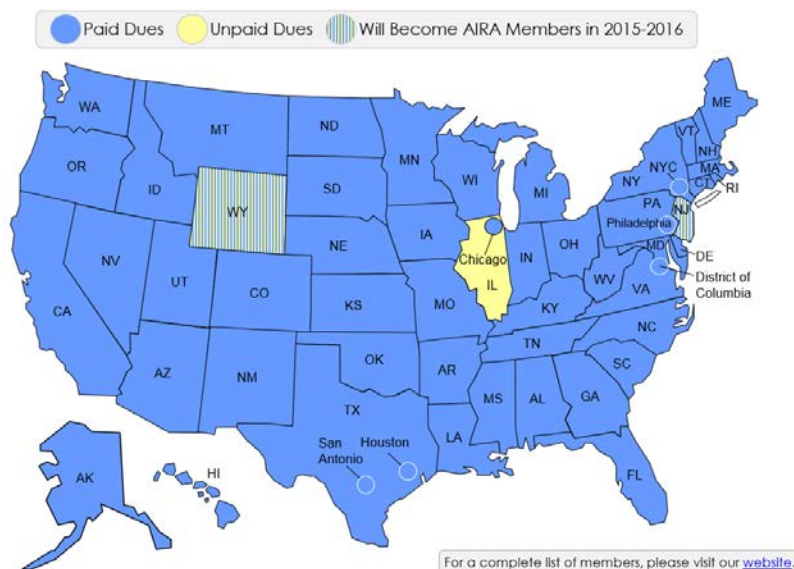
AUGUST AT AIRA

- August 3rd 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **Executive Committee Meeting**

- August 4th 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**

- August 12th 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**

- August 13th 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group Meeting**

- August 17th 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**

- August 19th 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**

- August 19th 3 – 4 pm ET: **WIR Joint Development User Group Meeting**

- August 20th 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**

- August 24th 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**

- August 26th 2 – 3 pm ET: **Grantee Developed User Group Meeting**

renewing their AIRA membership or joining AIRA this September. If you have any questions about membership, please email Ketti Turcato.

To IIS who receive CDC funds, please remember AIRA when you're completing your grant applications. Awardees may use 317 Operations funds to pay AIRA membership dues ($300) and attend the 2016 AIRA National Meeting in Seattle.

Please just include this request in your eGratis application if you are interested. To all members, AIRA membership provides many benefits including access to members-only resources, participation on committees and workgroups, and the benefits of our Health Level 7 (HL7) membership. It's not too soon to begin planning to ensure you become an AIRA member for 2015-2016!

AFIX PHASE II SME MEETING

The AFIX in-person Phase II meeting was held in Decatur, GA June 30th – July 1st. This meeting was convened for subject matter experts (SMEs) to develop guidance on Phase II report components related to AFIX provider feedback sessions. Phase I included guidance on the required aspects of integrating AFIX through an IIS while Phase II provides guidance on optional AFIX report components. The AFIX Phase II meeting included AFIX staff, IIS staff, IIS vendor representatives, and CDC AFIX and IIS staff. SMEs created guidelines for optional report components such as invalid dose, missed opportunities, missing immunizations, etc. The Phase II draft will go out for community review in early August.

AIRA ATTENDS THE NACCHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: ENVISIONING THE FUTURE, CREATING OUR PATH

AIRA Program Director Alison Chi attended the 2015 NACCHO Annual Conference, July 7–9, in Kansas City, MO. More than 1,300 local health department leaders and public health partners attended. The conference provided participants with access to public health thought leaders, evidence-based practices and strategies, and was a good refresher in all of the public health work being done at the local health department level. The conference focused on the critical role of local health departments in the wake of healthcare reform, with sessions focused on a variety of topic areas such as maternal and child health, tobacco, violence and injury prevention, emergency preparedness, chronic disease, and informatics. Bill Brand and Debra Bara from the Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) offered a fascinating session on building an informatics-savvy health department, which IIS might find both useful and interesting. For more on this topic and to see the PHII-developed self-assessment tool for building an informatics-savvy health department you can visit the PHII website.
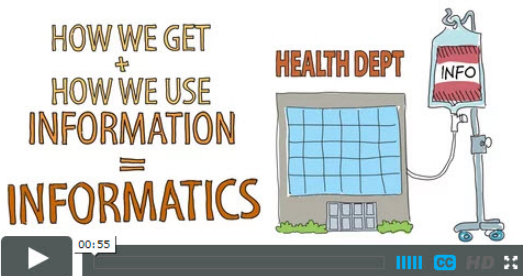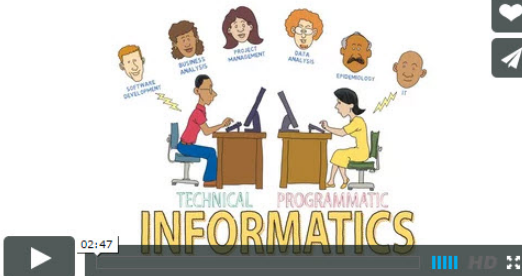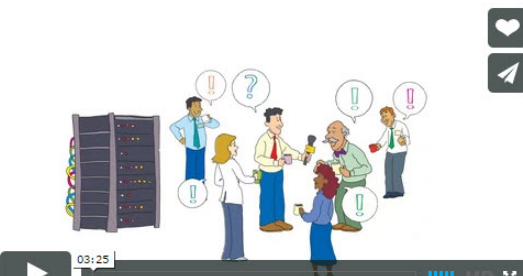
IMMUNIZATION AWARDEE MEETING

The 2015 Immunization Awardee Meeting (IAM) was held July 14-17, 2015 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. The 2015 IAM provided an opportunity for key immunization program staff to share and enhance their knowledge of program management and operations. CDC and awardees discussed current and future program requirements, recommendations, and best practices. The meeting combined aspects of CDC's Program Managers Meeting and Vaccine University to create a new forum for problem-solving, skill development, and peer-to-peer learning.

During the meeting, it was stated that the $156,000 awarded to all grantees last year to support IIS interoperability will continue in next year's cooperative agreement. Dr. Schuchat spoke about IIS progress and cited that there has been an increase in interoperability between IIS and provider electronic medical records (EMRs), with 41 states that now support interoperability. Additionally, she mentioned that 89% of children under the age of 6 years had an immunization record in an IIS as of 2013. National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) staff members presented on IIS strategies, including the IIS Strategic Plan, Shared Services (increasing cost savings and efficiencies), IIS Policy Framework (reducing non-technical barriers) and Enhanced Support & Collaboration (increasing IIS performance).

INFORMATICS FOR EVERYONE VIDEOS

Public health informatics is a critical function, but what is it? The following videos from PHII describe public health informatics from three perspectives: the practitioner, program manager and senior leader. Check them out and share them with a colleague.

Remember: Information is what you need. Informatics is how you get it.

DEVELOPING OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR THE 2013-2017 FUNCTIONAL STANDARDS

During the last week of July, 2015, a broad set of representatives from across the IIS community gathered at the offices of the Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) in Decatur, Georgia to develop operational guidance for the 2013-2017 IIS Functional Standards. The three day meeting was sponsored by CDC, and facilitated by Bill Brand and Therese Hoyle of PHII. The effort brought together IIS Managers, Immunization Program Managers, IIS vendors, and partners from AIRA and the CDC IIS Support Branch who collaborated to develop guidance statements to assist IIS in better aligning with our community's current functional standards.

Participants addressed all six functional standards throughout the three days, drafting language to clarify how IIS can more directly meet the standards. For example, where the functional standard addresses that IIS should forecast vaccines due and past due,

"1.2 The IIS has an automated function that determines vaccines due, past due, or coming due ("vaccine forecast") in a manner consistent with current ACIP recommendations."

The operational guidance addresses or clarifies specific needed components for this standard, such as maintaining a clinical decision support engine that evaluates existing immunizations for valid/invalid status, forecasting upcoming immunizations, providing forecasts for all pediatric and adult patients, allowing new vaccines to be added to the CDS engine within 30 days, etc. This additional detail will provide a stepping stone to stronger metrics, and will assist IIS staff in better understanding what their system needs to achieve to meet or exceed each functional standard.

Additional work is needed on this project, including a deeper exploration of the Core Data Elements and clarity on industry standards for IIS security. CDC, with the help of the IIS community, will continue to fine-tune the products of this meeting, and will publish the guidance in the coming months.

More information on the 2013-2017 functional standards can be found on the CDC website. For more information about this meeting to develop operational guidance, contact Mary Beth Kurilo at mbkurilo@immregistries.org.

JULY RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee met on July 7th, 2015. The data quality assurance tool pilot evaluation is currently being completed and will be reviewed by committee members. The Analytic Guide for Assessing Vaccination Coverage is also nearly complete and should be distributed to AIRA members this summer. During July's meeting, committee members discussed the AFIX-IIS integration Phase 1 draft technical and operational guidance, as well as activities for the next Cooperative Agreement cycle (developing further methodologies for assessment).

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee met on July 8th. At this meeting, it was announced that Craig Newman will be the new SISC co-chair. SISC members also spent time interactively discussing the functional guide with Eric Larson. The addendum to Release 1.5 of the HL7 Implementation Guide is also complete. ONC is planning on referencing the implementation guide in Stage 3 Meaningful Use rules.

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee met on July 15th. During this meeting, ESC members discussed ideas and potential topics for future webinars. The committee has not yet determined the topic for the next webinar. The committee also asked for volunteers for the 2016 National Meeting planning committee. All AIRA members are invited to volunteer and if you are interested in this committee, please email Carmela Gupta. The

committee also discussed the recent regional meeting in Boston and is looking forward to the next regional meeting later this year.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee held an in-person meeting in Decatur, GA on July 20th – July 23rd on the next MIROW topic, decrementing inventory via electronic data exchange. Evaluations from the meeting were overwhelmingly positive. Chapter 1 has been revised and the new guidance on Management of Patient Active/Inactive Status in IIS is now available. Translated versions of the MIROW mini-guides are also now available in French and Spanish thanks to our partners at PAHO, the Pan American Health Organization.