



## AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

JUNE 2015 IN REVIEW

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## AIRA 2015 REGIONAL MEETING IN BOSTON

AIRA held a one-day regional meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts. The meeting was held at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and we were pleased to welcome regional IIS staff from Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York State and New York City, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia. We were also joined by an IIS staff member from Tennessee and representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), AMCI-iSIS Vision, HLN Consulting, LLC, Hewlett-Packard (HP), and Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC).

Topics of the meeting included data quality, conducting IIS-based AFIX, maintaining and updating HL7 interfaces, consumer access, and Health Information Exchange. Attendees had an opportunity to hear from national experts on the latest developments in these areas and to engage in a collaborative process with colleagues. The purpose of the meeting was to provide technical assistance and support for regional collaboration and development.

### JULY AT AIRA

- July 6<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **Executive Committee Meeting**
- July 7<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- July 8<sup>th</sup> 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- July 9<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**
- July 15<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- July 16<sup>th</sup> 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**
- July 20<sup>th</sup> 2 – 4 pm ET: **AIRA Board, Partners and Membership Meeting**
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: **MIROW In-Person SME Meeting (Decatur, GA)**
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2 – 3 pm ET: **Grantee Developed User Group Meeting**
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> 3 – 4 pm ET: **WIR Joint Development User Group Meeting**
- July 27<sup>th</sup> 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**

## AIRA ATTENDS JUNE NVAC MEETING

The National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) met in Washington, DC on June 9-10, 2015. Working under the direction of the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) within Health and Human Services (HHS), NVAC recommends ways to achieve optimal prevention of human infectious diseases through vaccine development, and provides direction to prevent adverse reactions to vaccines. This advice is presented to the Assistant Secretary for Health who serves as the Director of National Vaccine Program on matters related to program responsibilities.

Two AIRA staff (Rebecca Coyle and Mary Beth Kurilo) were in attendance at the June meeting to hear about information relevant to IIS and to share information informally as needed. Day 1 topics at this meeting covered a variety of subjects, including a state-level report out about the 2015 California Measles Outbreak, a report assessing the state of vaccine confidence in the US, and progress on adolescent uptake of HPV vaccine. Day 2 focused more heavily on partner updates, and also included a presentation from Dr. Carolyn Bridges, CDC, summarizing the National Adult Immunization Summit and progress on implementing Adult Vaccination Standards. IIS were a frequent topic of conversation, particularly as it relates to adult provider participation and capture of adult vaccination data.

Following the NVAC meeting, AIRA staff attended a meeting with broad representation from CDC, NVPO, CMS and others to discuss planning for capture of pandemic influenza data. There is growing interest in IIS playing a strong role in capturing and reporting on pandemic flu vaccine uptake. Work will continue to assess, plan, and operationalize these efforts.

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

## PHIL, AIRA AND CDC COLLABORATE ON NEW IIS MANAGER WORKSHOP

On June 17-19, 2015, twelve new IIS Managers and staff came together to attend a workshop jointly developed and facilitated by PHIL, AIRA and CDC in Decatur, Georgia. The workshop focused on core leadership and programmatic skills essential for running an IIS in our complex, ever-changing environment. The course covered topics including provider engagement and onboarding, laws, rules and policy, data use and data quality, intra-agency relationships, and developing and testing system requirements, among others. Most importantly, new staff, or staff new in their roles, had opportunities to pose questions, share wisdom and experience, and discuss solutions over the course of the three days.

This was the second time the course was offered (the first was in 2014), and efforts will be made to offer it annually or as needed as new IIS Managers and staff join our community.

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

Earlier in the year AIRA launched a new Interoperability Testing Project funded by CDC. One of AIRA's biggest initiatives for 2015 is to help the IIS community resolve interoperability gaps through this project. The goal of this project is to assist IIS in aligning with HL7 interoperability standards. It is important for the IIS community to ensure that standards exist and are widely implemented across the IIS community to reduce connectivity barriers and facilitate timely data exchange, which will further enhance the ability to monitor and improve vaccine coverage in the US.

Map of the United States showing COVID-19 testing status by state as of April 1, 2020. The map uses three colors to indicate the testing status: blue for 'Testing In Progress', green for 'Pending', and orange for 'Testing through Vendor'. States are labeled with their two-letter abbreviations. Some states are white, indicating no data or not shown. The legend is located at the bottom right.

State	Testing Status
WA	Testing In Progress
OR	Testing In Progress
MT	Pending
ID	Pending
ND	Testing In Progress
SD	Testing In Progress
WY	Testing In Progress
UT	Pending
CO	Pending
NE	Testing In Progress
KS	Testing through Vendor
OK	Testing In Progress
TX	Testing In Progress
LA	Testing In Progress
MS	Testing In Progress
AL	Testing In Progress
GA	Pending
FL	Testing In Progress
SC	Testing In Progress
NC	Pending
VA	Testing In Progress
DC	Testing In Progress
MD	Testing In Progress
DE	Testing In Progress
PA	Testing In Progress
NY	Testing In Progress
CT	Testing In Progress
RI	Testing In Progress
MA	Pending
VT	Pending
ME	Pending
AK	Testing In Progress
HI	Testing In Progress
GU	Testing In Progress
PR	Testing In Progress

Vendors/Implementers register their ability to participate in the project if they have not already done so by clicking the SIGN UP button. For further information you may contact Nichole Lambrecht, Senior Project Manager, at [nlambrecht@immregistries.org](mailto:nlambrecht@immregistries.org), or 202-470-0026.

In the coming weeks, the CDSi test suite will be expanded to include adult vaccines as well. Later in the year, the CDSi resources will be further modified to reflect additional special immunization considerations and a new underlying conditions mapping codification.

If you have any questions about the recent or future changes, please contact Eric Larson at 608-385-8535 or [vev5@cdc.gov](mailto:vev5@cdc.gov).

## CMS LAUNCHES QIN-QIO PROJECT TO SUPPORT IIS REPORTING

In April, 2015, CMS launched a project to fund Quality Innovation Network (QIN) Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) active in 37 states to provide subject matter expertise to help practitioners and providers implement the Standards for Adult Immunization Practice and increase reporting of adult immunizations to IIS. QIN-QIOs are responsible for providing a vast range of quality improvement services to improve the quality of care to Medicare beneficiaries. Under this project, goals include:

By 2019, an absolute rate of 90% for adult immunization status assessment, appropriate immunization or referral, and documentation of Medicare beneficiary immunization status to include reporting immunizations to the state or other Immunization Information System (IIS) via CEHRT and other electronic methods. This goal will be achieved by educating and assisting providers and practitioners to implement the adult immunization recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the National Vaccine Advisory Committee standards for adult immunization practice.

Projects are or will be underway for 14 QINs covering the following 37 states:

<b>QIN-QIO Contractor</b>	<b>States Covered</b>
Great Plains	KS, ND, NE, SD
TMF	AR, MO, TX, PR
Lake Superior	MI
Telligen	IL
HealthInsight	NM, NV, OR, UT
GMCF	GA
QSource	AL, KY, MS, IN
Mountain Pacific	AK, HI, MT, WY
IPRO	DC, NY, SC
Quality Insights	LA, NJ, PA, WV
VHQC	MD
Qualis	ID, WA
HSAG	AZ, CA, FL
HealthCentric	RI

If you haven't yet been in touch with your state's QIN-QIO, consider reaching out to join forces and help share information on adult provider onboarding for your IIS. For more information on

how to reach the QIN-QIO for your state or jurisdiction, visit <http://qioprogram.org/contact-zones?map=qin>.

## MIROW PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS

The MIROW Steering Committee is pleased to announce that the most recent MIROW best practice guides are available. The MIROW Management of Patient Active/Inactive Status in Immunization Information Systems: Replacement of 2005 Guidelines main- and mini- guides are now published on the AIRA website as the replacement to Chapter 1 documents. In addition, the Lot Number Validation Best Practice Micro-Guide has been updated and is available online. The 2015 Alternate Lot Number Pattern Micro-Guide is being finalized and will be published soon. All documents can be found on the AIRA Resources webpage: <http://www.immregistries.org/resources/aira-mirow>.

## AFIX-IIS INTEGRATION PROJECT

The “AFIX-IIS Integration: Operational and Technical Guidance for Implementing IIS-Based Coverage Assessment – Phase I” document is currently being processed with CDC clearance and is anticipated to be released soon! Meanwhile, Phase II of the project is also currently underway and subject matter experts just met (June 30th – July 1st) to formalize recommendations for the reporting components used for the AFIX feedback session. This document will be available for community review early August and will be finalized by the end of August 2015. If you have any questions about the project please contact Nichole Lambrecht, AIRA Sr. Project Manager, at [nlambrecht@immregistries.org](mailto:nlambrecht@immregistries.org) or at 202-470-0026.

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY PLATFORM (PHCP) STEERING COMMITTEE

The ASTHO Informatics Team hosted the final meeting of the Public Health Community Platform (PHCP) Steering Committee on June 24-25, 2015. The Steering Committee will transition into the governance structure that was piloted over the last 6 months with members converting into partners. The final steering committee meeting focused on operationalizing case reporting as the initial use case implemented on the PHCP, organizing committee work for the upcoming year, and ensuring partner engagement and community involvement going forward. Specifically, the Immunization Committee focused on identifying a candidate use case and working over the next 6 months to secure funding commitments for that use case. Community members are encouraged to continue to participate through PHCP committees. Sign-up information will be located on the PHCP website ([www.thePHCP.org](http://www.thePHCP.org)).

The ASTHO Informatics Team also hosted an in-person meeting of the PHCP Interim Executive Committee (IEC) on June 24, 2015. This meeting focused on setting priorities for the continued development of the PHCP. The IEC re-prioritized the Strategic Map objectives and identified how to implement the Strategic Map during the next year of development.

## JUNE RECAP

### **Assessment Steering Committee**

- The Assessment Steering Committee has been working on an Analytic Guide to Assessing Vaccination Coverage. This guide was distributed to the AIRA community for comments and is currently being finalized. The guide should be published this summer. ASC has received feedback on the DQA tool. The tool has proven difficult to implement locally and AIRA staff are currently in the process of completing the project evaluation.

### **Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee**

- SISC is currently recruiting new co-chairs as Rob Savage is stepping down from his position. All current SISC members are eligible to apply. SISC is currently reviewing the addendum to the implementation guide (IG). Since ONC is referencing the IG in Stage 3 Meaningful Use rules, the addendum should be published by the end of July. Comments on the addendum from the AIRA community were due June 24<sup>th</sup>. SISC also finalized VFC eligibility and funding source documentation. Vocabulary content was removed from the addendum given the timeline for publishing the addendum and concerns from the committee. SISC will continue to discuss vocabulary content at future meetings.

### **Education Steering Committee**

- The ESC has completed its annual webinar requirement. The most recent webinar on IIS Integration into Immunization Programs was well-received. Over 60 people participated in the training. Mary Woinarowicz (ND), Jenne McKibben and Aaron Dunn (OR) and Dr. Jane Zucker (NYC) presented. ESC is planning another issue of SnapShots. The committee also provided input to PHII on their IIS workforce development project.

### **MIROW Steering Committee**

- MIROW received comments from the AIRA community on a new micro-guide regarding alternate lot number patterns. The comments were evaluated by the committee and the document will be released soon.
- MIROW has begun work on the next topic, decrementing inventory via electronic data exchange. A group of SMEs has been meeting regularly to develop a domain model in preparation for the in-person MIROW meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> in Decatur, GA.