



AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

APRIL 2015 IN REVIEW

AIRA 2015 NATIONAL MEETING



We are happy to declare the AIRA 2015 National Meeting a great success! This year's National Meeting saw broad representation from nearly every IIS in the country. 338 participants attended the meeting, representing 49 states

and 6 territories, a 28% attendance increase from the 2013 National Meeting! This year, we also reached another new record with eight meeting sponsors. We thank them for their support, without which the National Meeting would not have been possible.

To learn more about the 2015 AIRA National Meeting, please visit keynote speaker, Dave Ross' blogpost, [*AIRA, immunization and public health's "moon mission."*](#)

We are also excited to announce that we are moving to an annual National Meeting to continue fostering partnerships among the IIS community. Next year's 2016 National Meeting will be held in Seattle. We hope you will join us!

Presentations

The final presentations from the 2015 AIRA National Meeting are now available online [here](#). Thank you again to all of our presenters and moderators who helped make this meeting a success.

MAY AT AIRA

- May 5th 2 – 3 pm ET:
Assessment Steering Committee Meeting
- May 11th 1 – 2 pm ET:
SISC Ad-Hoc Meeting to Review Comments on Meaningful Use Stage 3 Proposed Rules
- May 13th 1 – 2 pm ET:
Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting
- May 14th 1 – 2 pm ET:
AIRA Community Discussion on MU Stage 3 Proposed Rules
- May 14th 2 – 3 pm ET:
HL7 Immunization User Group
- May 18th 2 – 4 pm ET:
AIRA Partners and Membership Meeting with Board Meeting to Follow
- May 20th 2 – 3 pm ET:
Education Steering Committee Meeting
- May 20th 3 – 4 pm ET:
WIR Joint Development User Group Meeting
- May 21st 4 – 5 pm ET:
MIROW Steering Committee Meeting
- May 26th 4 – 5 pm ET:
AIRA Discovery Session
- May 27th 2 – 3 pm ET:
Grantee Developed Joint Development User Group Meeting

MEANINGFUL USE STAGE 3 PROPOSED RULES: UPDATED AIRA TIMELINE

There are now three notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) from CMS and ONC:

[Meaningful Use Stage 3 NPRM](#)

[2015 Certified EHR Technology NPRM](#)

[Modifications to Meaningful Use 2015-2017](#)

AIRA is currently gathering community input and feedback these rules. The AIRA timeline on collecting and reviewing feedback is as follows:

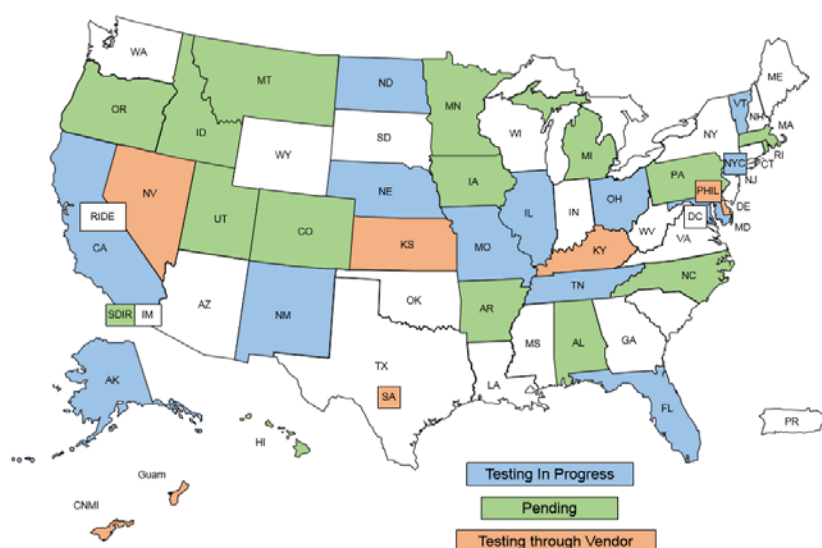
- May 6th – Comments due to AIRA (kturcato@immregistries.org)
- May 11th, 1pm ET – Ad-hoc SISC meeting to review submitted comments
- May 14th, 1pm ET – AIRA community meeting to review comments
- May 18th – AIRA comments will be finalized and distributed to the community for leveraging/echoing within their own organizations

We look forward to members participating in these efforts. Please contact Mary Beth Kurilo at mbkurilo@immregistries.org with any questions.

AIRA IIS INTEROPERABILITY TESTING PROJECT

There is a call to action for IIS to be involved in the Interoperability Testing Project sponsored by AIRA and 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.

Testing Project Status



As a member organization, it is AIRA's goal to have ALL IIS Jurisdictions and IIS Vendors/Implementers participate so that all voices are heard. This will accelerate the alignment of national standards to support seamless IIS-EHR interoperability and also support IIS requirements. AIRA is requesting that IIS and IIS Vendors/Implementers register their ability to participate in the project by clicking the SIGN UP button.

Sign Up

APRIL RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on April 7th, 2015. Eight additional pilot sites volunteered to begin using the Data Quality Assessment Tool. The project is currently looking at open-source applications to query and change message format that may help IIS use the tool. A finalized draft of the Analytical Guide for Vaccination Coverage Assessment was sent out to the committee for review. MA gave a great presentation on assessment work with their IIS using AFIX. The committee also reviewed AIRA's current Cooperative Agreement. ASC has been successful in accomplishing their current objectives and discussed potential assessment initiatives to address in the future.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on April 8th, 2015. The committee reviewed the schedule for submitting comments on the Meaningful Use Stage 3 proposed rules. An ONC rule is focused on health IT certification and two CMS rules discuss the EHR incentive program. Craig Newman provided an overview of the rules and potential implications for the IIS community. Rob Savage presented a proposal on VFC eligibility codes and funding sources that the CDC has been drafting. The SISC was encouraged to review the proposal with VFC staff and provide input. Nathan Bunker also provided a brief update on a drafted functional guide that will complement the implementation guide.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on April 15th, 2015. The April issue of SnapShots is available on AIRA's website. The Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) is working on a workforce development project and solicited feedback on prioritizing IIS roles for training development during ESC's April meeting. PHII identified nine key roles and asked for feedback on whether each role was essential and what additional knowledge, skills and competencies might be required for each IIS role. ESC members had an opportunity to provide feedback to PHII before PHII begins developing training in July.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on April 16th, 2015. The MIROW PAIS Document has been approved by the Steering Committee and is being prepared for publication. This document will be released to the community very soon. The companion PAIS mini-guide has also be updated and is being prepared for publication.
- A two-page micro-guide has been adopted that gives guidance on lot number patterns developed by manufacturers. This is expected to be released near the end of May.
- The MIROW Steering Committee sponsored an interactive session at the AIRA National Meeting that gave participants an opportunity to learn about the MIROW process and take part in a 'mini' MIROW session that allowed open dialogue about the next topic: decrementing inventory from electronic data exchange (EDE). The outcome of the session was to capture the 'pains' and 'pleasures' that IIS deal with on this topic. Nearly 50 participants attended this interactive session and a document will be developed that captures the results of the session.
- The SME panelists have been selected for the next topic and work on the next chapter will begin in May with a face to face meeting scheduled for July.

