AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

AIRA'S 2015 IIS NATIONAL MEETING IS ALMOST HERE!

AIRA's 2015 IIS National Meeting will be held in New Orleans April 21st-23rd, 2015. The preliminary agenda and other meeting details are available on AIRA's website, but we wanted to take a moment to highlight a few additional member events taking place at the conference:

- On Tuesday, April 21st, AIRA Steering Committee Co-Chairs will be available at designated tables during lunch to share some of the ongoing activities taking place at the committee level. Please swing by their tables at lunch to ask any questions and/or learn about events you might be interested in participating in.
- On Wednesday, April 22nd, at 8 a.m., AIRA will facilitate roundtables to discuss and to gather input about the early plans for assessment and testing of alignment with key IIS standards. We are strongly encouraging participation from all IIS program staff and vendors/implementers, and all conference attendees are welcome. Please come and make your voice heard!
- At lunch on Wednesday, April 22nd, AIRA will be designating sections of the ballroom for various platform-specific user groups to informally connect and network as desired. Sections will be set aside for WIR users, Envision users, STC users, and Grantee-Developed/Small Vendor IIS users to meet, socialize, and share ideas and information.

We look forward to seeing you all in New Orleans!

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http://www.immregistries.org/events/2015/04/21/aira-2015-national-meeting

APRIL AT AIRA

- April 6th 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**
- April 7th 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- April 8th 1 – 2 pm ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- April 9th 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**
- April 15th 2 – 3 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- April 16th 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**
- April 20th all day: **AIRA Board Meeting in New Orleans, LA**
- April 21st – April 23rd: **2015 National Meeting in New Orleans, LA**

Contribute to SnapShots

We want to hear from you, our members! Tell us about recent projects, innovative use of IIS data, or anything else you'd like to share with the community. Send your story to info@immregistries.org today!

INTERSTATE DATA EXCHANGE

Last August, partners met in St. Paul, Minnesota to discuss interstate data-exchange with an emphasis on North Dakota's difficulty accessing complete immunization records. The meeting addressed barriers to interstate data-exchange and ASTHO and others have continued discussing legal implications. An MOU to facilitate interstate data exchange is being drafted. NVAC heard about these efforts, as well as the ONC hub project, and voted for a statement in support of interstate data exchange. The final statement can be found <u>HERE</u>.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY PLATFORM (PHCP) UPDATE

On March 11-12th the Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) held a Public Health Community Platform Steering Committee meeting. AIRA is represented on the Platform Steering Committee by AIRA staff, Jenne McKibben (Oregon ALERT IIS Interim Director, AIRA Board of Directors) and Erin Roche (Minnesota Immunization Information Connection Manager), and Rebecca Coyle was just elected to the newly formed PHCP Interim Executive Committee. Rebecca Coyle, Alison Chi, and Erin Roche attended the March 11-12th meeting. Information about the Platform project can now be found on its newly launched website: http://www.thephcp.org. During the March meeting, committee activities were discussed and committees were given time to meet. Alison Chi is co-chair of the Immunization Hub Governance Committee, which is exploring the IIS HUB model for data exchange developed by HHS/ONC as part of the Cross-Jurisdictional Data Exchange Pilot as a pilot system for the Platform. The committee discussed different models of sharing immunization data across state lines, and determined that next steps will include gathering functional and non-functional requirements, legal considerations, and value assessments of use cases. AIRA staff and representatives will continue to update the membership as work on the Platform progresses.

SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION (STC) INTEROPERABILITY SUMMIT

AIRA was invited to participate in this event which was held March 3 – 5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia and organized by STC. AIRA was invited to attend this meeting, and was represented by Alison Chi, Program Director. The summit was attended by IIS staff and Immunization Program Managers from nine states who discussed and shared feedback on interoperability related challenges, ideas and questions. Eric Larson, AIRA Board Director, gave the keynote presentation about interoperability today, forward looking projects, and 3-5 year targets. Another highlight was a presentation given by Samuel Stolpe from Pharmacy Quality Alliance. He discussed immunization metrics and registries, and how they can drive adult immunization rates in community pharmacy.

AFIX-IIS INTEGRATION PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

The "AFIX-IIS Integration: Operational and Technical Guidance for Implementing IIS-Based Coverage Assessment – Phase I" document was completed this past month and is currently being prepped for formal publication. The finalized guidance document will be coming soon! Meanwhile, Phase II of the project is also currently underway and subject matter experts will be gathered to formalize recommendations for the reports and data elements used for the AFIX feedback session. This companion document to Phase I should be finalized by August 2015. If you have any questions about the project please contact Nichole Lambrecht, AIRA Sr. Project Manager, at <u>nlambrecht@immregistries.org</u> or at 202-470-0026.

MEANINGFUL USE STAGE 3 PROPOSED RULES RELEASED

On March 30th, 2015, CMS and ONC published two notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRM):

Meaningful Use Stage 3 NPRM
2015 Certified EHR Technology NPRM

AIRA will be facilitating a process to discuss and gather community input and feedback on both rules. Notices will be sent out for these events, but here is the high-level schedule of important dates in this process:

- April 16th, noon ET – Jim Daniel from ONC will present to AIRA members on rules, and key IIS points
- April 29th, COB – Member comments due to Ketti Turcato (kturcato@immregistries.org)
- May 4th, 1pm ET – SISC off-cycle meeting to review and fine-tune submitted comments
- May 7th, 1pm ET – AIRA community meeting to review and fine-tune comments
- May 11th – AIRA comments to be finalized and sent out to community for leveraging/echoing within their own organizations
- May 29th – AIRA comments to be submitted to ONC by deadline

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

MARCH RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on March 3rd, 2015. ASC is working on the DQA tool with MN, NC and OR. FL and PA. Two states were unable to move forward so Nichole will be sending out an announcement for 2 additional states to participate in this project. By the end of May, they hope all pilot sites will have downloaded the software and provided feedback. AIRA's recommendations on this project will be finalized by the end of August. ASC is also working on an analytical guide for coverage assessment. Sherry Riddick has done a great job in organizing this document. All 3 sections of the guide have been drafted: denominator, numerator, and other data considerations. The guide is moving forward and there will be a presentation on the progress to date at the National Meeting.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on March 11th, 2015. The committee welcomed Craig Newman from the CDC who will be taking over some of Rob Savage's duties regarding the Implementation Guide. Rob will remain the SISC co-chair but there may be a transition in the future. The revisions for the charter were approved by the committee and will be sent to the board for approval. Nathan asked for volunteers to provide initial feedback to the Functional Guide. Eligibility categories and guidance on vaccine funding source will be coming out in the next couple of months.
- SISC hosted an ad-hoc meeting on March 16th to review comments for the ONC Interoperability Roadmap. Finalized comments on this roadmap should be sent out to the AIRA community at the end of the month.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on March 18th, 2015. Katie Reed is working on the next issue of SnapShots, to be distributed around the time of the National Meeting. The upcoming Regional Meeting will be hosted by the Massachusetts IIS in Boston on June 16th. Invitations will be sent out for this meeting soon. The agenda will emerge once the participants are finalized but the meeting may address interstate data exchange. An upcoming webinar on May 5th from 4-5pm ET will highlight AIRA documents from the IIS-AFIX project. A webinar on June 2nd from 4-5pm ET will explore IIS integration into an immunization program.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on March 19th, 2015. MIROW's current topic on management of patient inactive/active status went out for external review. The comments are currently being compiled and will be considered by the steering committee.
- The next chapter topic was selected: decrementing inventory with an emphasis on electronic data. MIROW has hired public health consultants to help with this chapter. The first step on this challenging undertaking is to collect and analyze current practices employed in IIS to support inventory decrementation via electronic exchange. The MIROW Steering Committee asks you to share materials from your IIS: please, email materials relevant for the inventory decrementation via electronic data exchange to David Lyalin at dil8@cdc.gov. These materials will be used only to provide a background for the expert panel.
- MIROW is hosting interactive sessions at the National Meeting. They are hoping for feedback particularly on the next topic and from people who have used existing documents in their IIS.