AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

DECEMBER 2014 IN REVIEW

RESERVE YOUR HOTEL NOW FOR THE 2015 IIS NATIONAL MEETING

AIRA's 2015 IIS National Meeting will be held in New Orleans April 21-23, 2015. The National Meeting builds upon the success of AIRA's 2012 and 2013 National Meetings by continuing to work toward our common goal of supporting and promoting the development, implementation and interoperability of IIS.

If you are planning on attending the National Meeting, we encourage you to reserve your hotel room as soon as possible. AIRA has reserved a room block for meeting attendees, but because the National Meeting immediately precedes the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival (April 24-May 5) it is important to reserve a room in the AIRA block as general hotel availability is limited that week. For reservations contact the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel at (888) 627-7033 and mention that you are with the "AIRA National Meeting" to receive the $151 room block rate.

AIRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2014 -2015

The AIRA membership drive began in September. The membership year runs from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. Thanks to those of you who have already renewed! If you

JANUARY AT AIRA

- Jan 6th 4 – 5 pm ET: **ONC Interoperability Roadmap Webinar**

- Jan 6th 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**

- Jan 14th 1 – 2 pm ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**

- Jan 15th 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**

- Jan 21st 2 – 3 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**

- Jan 26 2 – 3 pm ET: **AIRA Board, Partners & Membership Meeting**

MEMBER UPDATE

We are starting a new monthly column where we will include YOUR updates. Please send updates about your IIS or organization to info@immregistries.org, with 'Member Update" in the subject line.

haven't renewed your membership yet, it's not too late! Renew your membership (or join for the first time!) by visiting the membership renewal page on the AIRA website: http://www.immregistries.org/membership/manage-membership. Just login, click on Manage Membership, and then you will be able to renew your membership or join AIRA for the first time. You can also contact the new AIRA Committee and Membership Coordinator, Ketti Turcato, for assistance. You can reach her by email at kturcato@immregistries.org.

ONC INTEROPERABILITY ROADMAP

AIRA and AIM are happy to cohost and invite you to hear Erica Galvez, ONC Interoperability and Exchange Portfolio Manager, present about the ONC interoperability roadmap on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 from 4-5 p.m. ET. The ONC has been working to develop a shared roadmap to interoperability that charts a path to achieve progress in 3, 6 and 10 years. Erica's presentation will describe ONC's broad vision and framework to develop a clear pathway towards interoperability. For additional information about the interoperability roadmap, please visit: http://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/from-the-onc-desk/onc-interoperability-roadmap-update/.

HL7 POLICY CONFERENCE

Alison Chi, AIRA Program Director, attended the HL7 Policy Conference, *Building the Future: Innovation & Interoperability*, held on December 4th & 5th in Washington, D.C. The conference covered topics that included incentivizing interoperability, and lessons learn in the eHealth and HIT revolution with a focus on standards and interoperability. The keynote speaker, The Honorable Diana DeGette (D-CO) spoke about a new bill that she is sponsoring that is intended to facilitate safe data sharing and create a central patient registry to help coordinate medical research. Other topics included a patient-centric focus on interoperability, standards maturity, and a discussion of case reporting, informatics and interoperability in the context of the Ebola crisis.

NOVEMBER RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on December 2nd, 2014. The ASC previously decided to create a guide that would direct any individual or IIS through the decisions that need to be made to conduct coverage assessments using an IIS. A small working group of subject matter experts, including several epidemiologists, was created to work on this project. The working group discussed the scope of the guide during their initial meeting. The due date for a finalized document is August 31, 2015.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on December 10th, 2014. The SISC discussed standards for NIP001: adding new codes versus modifying the language of existing codes to be more inclusive. The membership opted to modify existing codes.
- An update was provided on the creation of a functional guide that can be used as the basis for creating a testing system of IIS and EHR HL7 interface testing for immunizations. This project is being funded by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). It is important to note that NIST will not set standards for IIS. Instead they are asking for clear documentation on IIS standards that they can use as a basis for the

testing system they will create for IIS. The functional guide together with the messaging guide will then become the documents that communicates the interface expectations from the community to NIST and which NIST will use to defend their testing methodology.

- After much discussion regarding National Provider Identifier numbers during the SISC meeting, it was agreed that while utilizing NPIs is an interesting idea, there is not strong support to put effort into requiring NPI into IIS systems.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on December 17th, 2014. ESC members discussed the evaluations received regarding the IIS-AFIX webinar held on December 2. Seventy-nine participants attended the IIS-AFIX webinar.
- The Provider Training Work Group finalized their document on training resources to support IIS trainers. The document has been posted on the AIRA website: http://www.immregistries.org/resources/technical-assistance.
- AIRA is planning on holding a regional meeting in June 2015. Stay tuned for more information about this meeting.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on December 18th, 2014. The steering committee discussed the Patient active/inactive status topic guide, the topic for the next development cycle (Correction of missing inventory data by providers when information in the HL7 message does not match the IIS inventory); avoiding manual updates.), MIROW activities at the AIRA 2015 National Meeting, evaluation of MIROW guides, and continued discussions on the development approach going forward.