AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 2014 IN REVIEW

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT OR PROPOSAL NOW FOR THE 2015 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. This year, we are inviting participants to submit abstracts for oral presentation or proposals to "create-your-own-session."

- The Call for Abstracts and Proposals closes on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 11:59 PM EDT.
- Click HERE for more information and to submit an abstract or proposal for consideration.
- Please be sure to read the Submission Guidelines prior to submitting your abstract. A printable version of the Call for Abstracts and Proposals is available for preview purposes only. Only abstracts and proposals submitted via the AIRA website will be reviewed.

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

NOVEMBER AT AIRA

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

- Nov 4th 2 – 3:00 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**

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

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

- Nov 17th 2 – 3 pm ET: **AIRA Board, Partners & Membership Meeting**

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

- Nov 20th 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Monthly 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.

2014 AIRA-POST NIC WORKSHOP

The AIRA Post-NIC Workshop followed the National Immunization Conference on October 1st. It was a great gathering of over 90 participants. The programmatic track included presentations regarding cross-jurisdictional data exchange and VTrckS EXiS implementation. The technical track covered clinical decision support for immunization (CDSi) and testing HL7 interfaces. Feedback from AIRA's Post-NIC Workshop was overwhelmingly positive. Seventy-two percent of those who completed an evaluation graded the Post-NIC Workshop as an A, while the remaining 28% graded it as a B.

AIRA WELCOMES NEW STAFF

AIRA welcomes Nicole Lambrecht, who comes to us from Envision Technology Partners, Inc, as Sr. Project Manager. Nichole has worked in public health for the past ten years and more specifically with immunization information systems since 2006. Over the years, Nichole has participated in many AIRA committees and workgroups. Nicole, we welcome you warmly to AIRA and look forward to you sharing your expertise with the entire IIS community!

ACIP UPDATES

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) met in October. Below are highlights from the meeting.

- Meningococcal Serogroup B: A new vaccine was licensed by FDA with a second possibly coming shortly. ACIP to consider recommendations (general or risk-based) for teenagers with possible vote in February.
- HPV9: An update was given by the HPV working group with various possible schedules provided for ACIP informational discussion. Future meetings will result in a recommendation on HPV9.
- H5N1: Possible vote at February 2015 meeting on a recommendation for use in certain people who have an increased risk of exposure. Current discussions were specific to a 2-dose series (21 days apart) for ages 18+ who also meet risk factors.
- Yearly Schedules: As is customary this time of year, the yearly harmonized schedules were presented for consideration and approved by ACIP. These schedules will be published and available by February 2015.

MEMBER UPDATE

NEVADA WEBIZ

In Nevada, reporting to the IIS, known as Nevada WebIZ, is mandated by state law for all patient ages. That's a tall order! The law also authorizes access to those with a need to verify coverage, such as for school entry. To encourage educated participation, Nevada has partnered with their State Boards of Nursing and Pharmacy, the Nevada Registry (licensing childcare facilities), American Medical Technologists, American Association of Medical Assistants, and (soon) Nevada State Emergency Medical Services to offer continuing

education units (CEU's) to Nevada WebIZ training attendees. This added benefit has helped them engage all manner of provider office staff, and has shown that, by attracting office managers and other office leaders to class, data quality improves. Next stop, CEU's for physicians!

Questions? Contact Mandy Harris, IIS Manager, at 775.684.4258 or asharris@health.nv.gov.

JPHIT UPDATE

Frank Caniglia, our AIRA member representative, Alison Chi and Rebecca Coyle attended the in-person Joint Public Health Informatics Task force (JPHIT) that was held in Washington, D.C. October 29-30. During the meeting Erica Galvez from the Office of the National Coordinator presented the draft Interoperability Plan. Because there is significant impact and interest by our community we are working with Erica to schedule a session with both AIRA and AIM to present the draft plan. Other topics included presentation of the Public Health Community Platform work to date (please see update in this edition), communication of public health readiness and the role that public health play in the event of epidemics, pandemics and public health emergencies. JPHIT will be developing a letter that will be sent to the Health IT committees highlighting the roles public health play in public health emergencies in an effort to raise awareness. For more information about JPHIT, please visit http://jphit.org/.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY PLATFORM UPDATE

On Oct 28-29th, the Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) held a meeting to discuss the Public Health Community Platform. 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). Rebecca Coyle, Alison Chi, and Jenne McKibben attended the Oct 28-29th meeting. The Platform project is working to create a cloud-based system where public health can develop, utilize, and exchange interoperable solutions and allow access to common data. The Platform goal is to offer not only the technology support, but also the governance and user community support needed to operationalize health IT solutions. The IIS HUB model for data exchange developed by HHS/ONC as part of the Cross-Jurisdictional Data Exchange Pilot is anticipated to be used as a pilot system for the Platform. AIRA staff and representatives will continue to update the membership as work on the Platform progresses.

AIRA IIS-AFIX WEBINAR

The AIRA Education Steering Committee is planning to offer an educational webinar on Tuesday, December 2nd (3:30-4:30 pm ET). This session will describe the collaboration between CDC, the American Immunization Registry Association, the Association of Immunization Managers, and the IIS and AFIX communities to develop operational and technical guidance for transitioning to IIS-based assessment reports for AFIX. The webinar will feature speakers from Michigan and Washington who will discuss the successes and challenges they have experienced related to using an IIS to conduct AFIX. Danielle Reader-Jolley, AIRA Consultant, will also give her NIC presentation on this topic. Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about using an IIS for AFIX.

WIR USER GROUP

One of the exciting strategic initiatives in AIRA's new Standards Cooperative Agreement is focused on Joint and Collaborative Development. The IIS community has nearly two decades

of experience working together to develop and implement common approaches and standards-based best practices. Formalizing and appropriately funding more of these joint efforts will ideally help to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of IIS growth and development moving forward.

The first step in this process involves pilot-testing platform-specific user groups, where awardees and vendors/implementers working on the same IIS platform participate in AIRA-sponsored conference calls to plan, coordinate, and implement joint development projects. Users of the WIR platform have been invited to the inaugural call to initiate this effort on November 19th. Michael Flynn, Technical Lead from New York State's NYSIIS system, will facilitate this initial call that will discuss the purpose, goals, governance and operational steps for this new endeavor. Following evaluation of the pilot, broader user group calls will be explored in early 2015.

Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA's new Policy and Planning Director, will coordinate this effort in collaboration with AIRA members and partner organizations. If you have questions about this new initiative, please contact Mary Beth at mbkurilo@immregistries.org, or 202-552-0197. Thank you in advance for you and your program's engagement in expanding the IIS community's culture of collaboration.

OCTOBER RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee
- The ASC met on October 7th, 2014. Committee members continued discussing 'micro' topics for a coverage assessment best practice micro guide to be developed over the next year. The ASC 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.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee
- The SISC met on October 8th, 2014. The SISC discussed the need for functional guide development. Possible topics include RXA-9, eligibility and funding source, and MSH 22 and 23 best practices for how to record who is sending information.
- The Implementation Guide (IG) passed CDC clearance on October 7th. It has since been published on the CDC website: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/technical-guidance/hl7.html.

Education Steering Committee
- The ESC met on October 15th, 2014. ESC members discussed the successful regional meeting that was held in Lansing, MI on August 22, 2014, with a total of 33 participants. Additional meetings will be planned for the future. States that are interested in hosting a regional meeting are encouraged to contact Alison Chi at achi@immregistries.org. Additionally, the next issue of SnapShots is scheduled for December 2014.

MIROW Steering Committee
- The MIROW Steering Committee met on October16th, 2014. The steering committee discussed the Patient active/inactive status topic guide, the evaluation of MIROW guides, MIROW activities at the AIRA 2015 National Meeting, and continued discussions on the development approach going forward.