AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

AIRA — AMERICAN IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY ASSOCIATION
Immunization Information Systems for a New Era

AIRA FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

AIRA has been awarded a *NEW* five year Standards Cooperative Agreement. Five key strategies will be undertaken over the course of the agreement:

Strategy 1: Engage the IIS community to identify key operational issues that need additional best practice and standards development and develop best practice and standards for the identified areas

Strategy 2: Conduct evaluations of IIS adherence to standards and identify gaps that exist among the adoption and implementation of current and future standards

Strategy 3: Design and develop a proof of concept for a joint/collaborative development process

Strategy 4: Provide a robust repository of IIS tools, codes, and documents for the IIS community

Strategy 5: Expand the current capacity of the organization to conduct additional trainings and expand services for the IIS community to improve communication and implementation of standards of practice

AIRA will also continue to implement activities for Year 3 of the ongoing Cooperative Agreement, including support for committee work, MIROW standards development, data quality tool piloting, and community engagement.

AIRA WELCOMES NEW STAFF

With all of the increased activities there is increased need for additional support. AIRA welcomes three new staff members to provide leadership in policy, technical capacity and programmatic initiatives. Mary Beth Kurilo, IIS Director for Oregon Alert for eight years, has joined AIRA to serve in the newly created position of Policy Director. Nathan Bunker, of Dandelion Software & Research, Inc., will be joining AIRA to serve as Technical Project Manager, another new position. And last but certainly not least, AIRA welcomes Carmela Gupta, who comes to us from the Idaho Immunization Program, as Program Manager. Carmela, Mary Beth, and Nathan, we welcome you warmly to AIRA and look forward to you sharing your expertise with the entire IIS community!

OCTOBER AT AIRA

- Oct 1st 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. ET: **AIRA Post-NIC Workshop**

- Oct 6th 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**

- Oct 7th 2 – 3:00 p.m. ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**

- Oct 8th 1 – 2 p.m. ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**

- Oct 9th 2 – 3 p.m. ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**

- Oct 15th 1 - 2 p.m. ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**

- Oct 16th 4 - 5 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Monthly Meeting**

- Oct 20th 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**

- Oct 27th 4 – 5 p.m. ET: **Discovery Session ~ IIS Data Use**

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.

2014 NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

The CDC, The Task Force for Global Health, and the CDC Foundation hosted the 2014 National Immunization Conference: U.S. Immunization in a Time of Change on September 29th and 30th in Atlanta, Georgia. AIRA was represented by Board Members, AIRA staff, and Danielle Reader-Jolley gave a presentation on the progress of AIRA's Operational Guidelines for Immunization Programs and Immunization Information Systems in IIS-AFIX Integration Project. To see slides from this presentation visit the AIRA website: http://www.immregistries.org/resources/supporting-immunization-programs. The AIRA Post-NIC Workshop followed the NIC on October 1st and we will update you on this great gathering of over 90 participants in the October Monthly Update.

MEMBER UPDATE

MINNESOTA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION CONNECTION (MIIC)

Some exciting news from Minnesota. We have been working on a MIIC and Pharmacy video for some time and the final product is now posted on our website and our agency YouTube channel. In addition to having this posted online we'll be promoting it through the Board of Pharmacy and other communication channels. It's another tool that will help us promote MIIC across the state.

This effort has been led by Annie Fedorowicz, our Adult Immunization Outreach Specialist, with consultation from the MIIC Operations team; a great collaborative project in the Minnesota Immunization Program. We shared this project at the National Immunization Conference (NIC) this past Monday and received a lot of positive feedback from attendees. The video encourages pharmacists to use MIIC by explaining how it can easily be used as a clinical decision support tool in health system and community-based pharmacy practice settings. We really tried to make using MIIC a winning proposition for pharmacists and we did this by understanding how MIIC can enhance existing immunization delivery in pharmacy practice.

The video is embedded in the MIIC and Pharmacies webpage and can be accessed here: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/registry/pharmacies.html

If you have any questions about the video or general questions about the project you can contact Erin Roche, MIIC Manager, at erin.roche@state.mn.us.

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 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.

EHR CERTIFICATION PROCESS PROJECT

On September 10th, Alison Chi, AIRA Program Director, represented AIRA at a meeting to discuss this CDC funded project to advance adoption of immunization-related capabilities within EHRs and other clinical software. This meeting convened EHR vendors, immunizing physicians, IIS subject matter experts and EHR certification testing subject matter experts. The

purpose of the meeting was to evaluate options for testing EHR capabilities as part of a potential voluntary immunization centric certification program for EHRs.

AIRA EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS

AIRA offered an education webinar on September 24th on IIS Training & Evaluation Programs. The webinar featured speakers from Texas and Nevada highlighting different approaches to integrating evaluation features into IIS training. If you missed the webinar, slides and recordings for this webinar and past webinars can be found here: http://www.immregistries.org/events/past-events/webinars

SEPTEMBER RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on September 2nd, 2014. The committee is tasked with overseeing a project to adapt the Data Quality Assurance tool (DQA) developed by Dandelion Software & Research, Inc. to serve as a 3rd party tool to assess IIS data quality. Seven IIS have volunteered to participate in the DQA pilot: Colorado, Oregon, North Carolina, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Kansas and Florida. The committee was updated on the status of pilot installations and committee members discussed plans for pilot evaluation.
- Committee members continued discussing 'micro' topics for a coverage assessment best practice micro guide to be developed over the next year. Once the topic area is finalized, identified subject matter experts will work through the topic area and identify the best practices to inform the micro guide. A small group of volunteers will hold an ad-hoc meeting to continue discussion of possible topics.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on September 10th, 2014. James Daniel from the ONC updated committee members on the new CMS rule allowing flexibility in certified EHR technology for 2014.
- The committee reviewed findings from the IIS-Related Vaccine Accountability Survey. The results of the survey will be further analyzed and the AIRA Board will talk about next steps.
- The SISC also began discussion of a functional profile to supplement the HL7 Implementation Guide.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on September 17th, 2014. Committee members reviewed a draft call for abstracts for the AIRA 2015 National Meeting. Committee members also discussed development of training resource documents and planned for an educational webinar that was offered on September 24th at 3 p.m. ET: IIS Provider Training & Evaluation Programs - 2 State Models.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on September 18th, 2014.
- The steering committee discussed the Patient active/inactive status topic guide, MIROW activities at the Post-NIC Workshop, and continued discussions on the development approach going forward.