

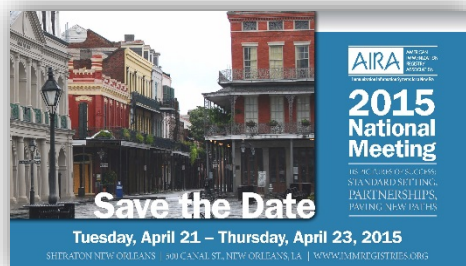


AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

JULY, 2014

2015 NATIONAL IIS MEETING ANNOUNCED – MEET US IN NEW

ORLEANS!



This month we were very pleased to announce that AIRA will be hosting the next immunization information systems (IIS) national meeting April 21 – 23, 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme of the 2015 National Meeting

is “IIS Pictures of Success: Standard Setting, Partnerships, Paving New Paths.” Stay tuned for more information in coming months, and we hope you will be able to join us in New Orleans!

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM DRAFT REPORT: PRIORITIZING MEASURE GAPS FOR ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS

The National Quality Forum (NQF) issued a request for comments on a project report for an initiative to identify critical areas for vaccination performance measurements across adult populations. Overall, AIRA is very supportive of NQF's statements about the role that IIS can play in improving and measuring adult immunization coverage, and their recognition that expanding use of IIS for adult immunizations will require more funding. You can find more information about the project on the [NQF website](http://www.nqf.org), and the comments submitted by AIRA can be found on the AIRA website:

www.immregistries.org/resources/other-aira-resources/NQF_Adult_Imms_AIRA_Comments_7_14_14_Final.pdf

INFORMATION REQUEST SUMMARIES

See summaries of all the latest information requests submitted to the AIRA listserv! Go to <http://www.immregistries.org/resources/information-requests> to view summaries of your responses to information requests posed

AUGUST AT AIRA

- August 4th 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**
- August 5th 2 – 3 p.m. ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- August 11th 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET: **Educational Webinar: IIS Inventory Management**
- August 13th 12 – 1 p.m. ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee**
- August 14th 2 – 3 p.m. ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**
- August 18th 2 – 3 p.m. ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**
- August 20th 1 – 2 p.m. ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- August 21st 4 – 5 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Monthly Meeting**
- August 22nd 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET: **AIRA Regional Meeting, Lansing, Michigan**
- August 25th 4 – 5 p.m. ET: **Discovery Session**
- September 1st – Labor Day – AIRA office closed
- September 2nd, 2 – 3 p.m. ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**

over the past 6 months. Twelve questions and responses have been posted. Content continues to be ordered alphabetically by the name of the requesting organization or state. To make it easier for you to find the newly added summaries of responses, we have appended a posting date to the titles. To find the newest summaries look for posts with 6/2014 or 7/2014 in the title. Earlier summaries are not dated. Examples of new topics you'll find are: CPT Code Support Question; IIS Requirements to use HIE for interfaces; ACK Message Handling; Insurer Access to IIS; and many more.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to respond to questions from your colleagues. We know how busy everyone is and it is wonderful to see the mutual support and sharing within our IIS community.

AIRA EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR

The next webinar is scheduled for **August 11th at 2 p.m. ET/ 11 a.m. PT**. The topic for this webinar is **IIS Inventory Management**. In this webinar, IIS managers and staff will learn methods and share tips for decrementing inventory with data from EHRs, reconciling inventory, and documenting adjustments. There will be presentations on increasing inventory data quality, decrementing on-hand inventory with EHR data, reconciling inventory, and documenting returns and wastage.

Speakers from Florida, Arizona, Washington, and New York City will share their expertise in this interactive webinar, with time for questions and comments from attendees. And if you don't make it, slides and recordings for this webinar and past webinars can be found here: <http://www.immregistries.org/events/past-events/webinars>

THE WISCONSIN IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY EXPERIENCE: COMPARING REAL-TIME AND BATCHED FILE SUBMISSIONS FROM HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

The Wisconsin Immunization Registry has published a paper comparing real-time and batched file submissions, exploring the benefits and drawbacks of using the Health Level 7 (HL7) standard. You can find the full article on the Interoperability Resources page of the AIRA website (top link on the page): <http://www.immregistries.org/resources/interoperability>

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS INSTITUTE (PHII) IIS MANAGER TRAINING COURSE

Visit <http://phii.org/phii-voices/lending-a-hand-to-iis-managers> to read this recent blog post about the IIS Manager training course offered for the first time this past spring by our partners at PHII. Claudia Brogan, PHII Training manager said this: "The course so exceeded our expectations that we and the CDC are planning on doing it again in the near future for a new group of IIS managers!" So stay tuned!

BILL BRAND RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP IN E-HEALTH

We are very pleased to share the news that our friend, ally and partner from PHII, Bill Brand, recently received an award from the Commissioner of Health in Minnesota. This award was presented by Dr. Karen DeSalvo, Director of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). Bill was recognized for outstanding past work in e-health

leadership. You can read more about the award and Bill's outstanding work and leadership [HERE](#).

AIM PROGRAM MANAGERS MEETING

AIM held its Program Managers Meeting in Atlanta, GA July 9-11 at the CDC campus. AIRA members Mary Beth Kurilo (OR), Amy Metroka (NYC), and Jane Zucker (NYC) along with Rebecca Coyle presented during the IIS session. Mary Beth and Amy Metroka presented on portions of the CDC IIS Executive Board, Jane Zucker gave an excellent presentation on how the IIS is utilized within the entire NYC immunization program and Rebecca Coyle gave an update on the AFIX project.

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JULY RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on July 1st, 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. The committee continued development discussions during the July meeting. A revised data quality report and installation option proposal will be shared with committee members during the August ASC meeting.
- The committee will be piloting the Data Quality Assessment Tool in coming months and welcomes additional pilot sites. If you are interested in participating in the pilot, please email Alison Chi at achi@immregistries.org
- Committee members also began discussing 'micro' topics for a coverage assessment best practice micro guide to be developed over the next year.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC did not meet in July. The next SISC meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13th from 12 – 1 p.m. ET/9 – 10 a.m. PT.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on July 16th, 2014. Committee members reviewed initial findings from the 2014 Education Survey and continued work on the survey report and education plan which will be based on these findings.
- Integration of the ESC and the Provider Training Workgroup, a subcommittee of the ESC, was unanimously approved. This integration is expected to better leverage resources and increase participation of IIS trainers in the overall development of AIRA's education strategy. Provider Training Workgroup members were warmly welcomed to the July 16th ESC meeting.
- Committee members are planning for an educational webinar that will be offered in September: IIS Provider Training & Evaluation Programs in 2 States.
- Committee members continued development of a training guide, the first section of which will focus on trainer training.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on July 17th, 2014.
- The steering committee discussed the Evaluation of MIROW guides – the final report was delivered on July 31, 2014.
- Information from the SME meeting (patient active/inactive status (PAIS) topic guide) that was held in June was shared.
- The Lot Numbers validation Micro-Guide is now posted on the AIRA website
- MIROW activities for the AIRA post-NIC meeting were discussed.