



AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

JANUARY, 2014

WANTED: IIS TESTIMONIALS

AIRA held its first Board, Partner & Membership Meeting on January 27th, 2014. During this information packed meeting, ECBT asked for IIS testimonials on the impact of vaccine schedule changes on your IIS. If you would like to share a testimonial from your IIS please send it to AIRA Executive Director Rebecca Coyle, who can be reached at coyler@immregistries.org.

CDC IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEMS SUPPORT BRANCH (IISB) SUMMARY RESULTS OF Q3 MEANINGFUL USE (MU) STAGE 2 READINESS SURVEY

The IISB conducts a quarterly survey of Meaningful Use (MU) Stage 2 Immunization Information System Readiness, for which they achieved a 94.6% response rate (53 of 56 awardees responded) for Q3. Click [here](#) to review the findings.

NEW WHITE PAPERS ON IIS, HIE AND A NATIONAL IIS STRATEGY

AIRA member HLN Consulting, LLC, has produced two new white papers which may be of interest to the AIRA membership. You can find both white papers on the AIRA website:

- IIS and HIE: Is there a Future Together?
(http://www.immregistries.org/resources/HLN_IIS-HIE_White_Paper.pdf)
- Towards a National IIS Strategy: Options for Developing a National Immunization Information System Architecture.
(see Related Links on this page:
<http://www.immregistries.org/resources/interoperability>)

FEBRUARY AT AIRA

- February 3rd 2 – 3:30 p.m.
ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**
- February 4th 2:30 -3:30 p.m. ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- February 5th 2 - 3 p.m. ET: **AIRA Provider Training Workgroup Meeting**
- February 12th 1 – 2 p.m. ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee**
- February 13th 4 - 5 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Specially Scheduled Meeting**
- February 19th 2 -3 p.m. ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- February 20th 4 - 5 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Monthly Meeting**
- February 24th 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**
- February 24th 4 – 5 p.m. ET: **AIRA Discovery Session: Meaningful Use Primer**

CONSUMER ACCESS TO IIS DATA

A collaborative project led by Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) brought together various Immunization Information Systems (IIS) to create promising practices for consumer access to data in IIS. This multi-state IIS effort was supported by MN as part of HIE Cooperative Agreement Program funds and led by ONC. The project deliverables are available as guidance for interested stakeholders. A link to the project summary and two practical guides describing each of the two major strategy recommendations can be found in the Consumer Access column on the AIRA website here: <http://www.immregistries.org/resources/data/data-use>.

FEBRUARY DISCOVERY SESSION FOR NEW IIS MANAGERS AND STAFF

In 2014 AIRA is offering a new set of technical assistance opportunities to the IIS community. These opportunities include monthly 'discovery sessions' which will review topic areas relevant for all IIS Managers but will specifically target new(er) IIS Managers, staff, and those new to the IIS community. **Discovery Sessions will be held on the fourth Monday of the month from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET.** Undoubtedly there will be conflicts so each session will be recorded and posted on our website for future viewing. See the AIRA website for call information: <http://www.immregistries.org/events/webinars>

February 24th Topic: **Meaningful Use Primer** Learn about Meaningful Use, the impact it has on IIS, and what you need to know about current and future stages.

March 24th Topic: **Program Integration** This session will focus on the various ways an IIS are used to support immunization programs and public health.

We strongly encourage you to attend these sessions and/or have the appropriate staff attend.

SAVE THE DATE FOR AIRA'S NEXT HL7 WEBINAR: HL7 PART 2, IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE UPDATE REVIEW & ASK THE EXPERT SESSION

AIRA's next Education Steering Committee webinar will be offered on March 25th, 2014, in conjunction with the next update of the HL7 Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging (IG) which is expected to be released in March 2014. Rob Savage will present a review of the IG update and will focus on ACK and Query changes that will be found in release 1.5. Participants will also have an opportunity to "ask the expert" questions about the IG update. For more information visit the AIRA website at

<http://www.immregistries.org/events/2014/03/25/aira-education-webinar-hl7-part-2-implementation-guide-update-review-ask-the-expert-session>

AIRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2013 - 2014

The AIRA membership drive began in September. The membership year runs from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. Thanks to those of you who have already renewed! If you haven't renewed your membership yet, it's still 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/renewing-membership>. Just login, click on Renew

Membership, and then you will be able to renew your membership or join AIRA for the first time.

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JANUARY RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on January 14th, 2014. The committee continued discussing the development of an assessment tool, focusing on data sharing and confidentiality agreement development. Next steps include determining transport and file specifications, storage and audit ability.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on January 8th, 2014. The SISC discussed and reviewed query and response profiles and an HL7 pilot testing service under development by HL7 International.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on January 15th, 2014. Committee members discussed the next issue of SnapShots, which will be released at the beginning of January.
- The ESC planned for the AIRA educational webinar scheduled for March 25th, 2014: HL7 Part 2 (see above for more information).
- The ESC began development of the education survey that will be conducted in 2014 to assess the education needs of AIRA members.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee is completing review of a micro-guide on Validating Lot Numbers. This is the first every guide of this type and we are very thankful to the MIROW Steering Committee members and leaders for moving this project forward.
- The committee has held several off-cycle meetings to discuss topics for the next MIROW chapter. The next chapter topic is MOGE and work on this topic will be commencing later this week.
- Tammy Clark has stepped down from the MIROW Steering Committee. AIRA is thankful for her service. The Steering Committee is currently in the process of identifying candidates for this open position, if you are interested in being considered for this role please contact Rebecca Coyle.