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

AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

JULY, 2013

AIRA 2013 IIS MEETING – REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The preliminary agenda is out and registration is now open for the AIRA 2013 National meeting to be held October 7-9 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

- Go to **http://www.regonline.com/aira2013nationalmeeting** to register for the meeting
- Reserve your hotel room today to guarantee that you receive the discounted rate. To make your reservation online go to **http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DENESES-AIR-20131004/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG**.
- To see the preliminary agenda or for more information about the meeting visit the **AIRA website** today!

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AIRA WEBINAR: HL7 101

On August 28th from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm PT), AIRA will be conducting a WebEx presentation to introduce HL7 2.5.1 to those who work with immunization information systems. This presentation will cover topics including use cases, usage, how messages are built, data types, core data elements and more. For more information, please visit our website at www.immregistries.org or view the webinar flyer **here**.

AUGUST AT AIRA

- August 5th 2 -3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**

- August 6th 2 – 3 p.m. ET: **AIRA Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**

- August 7th 2 -3 p.m. ET: **AIRA Provider Training Workgroup Meeting**

- August 14th 1 -2 p.m. ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**

- August 15th 4 -5 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**

- August 21st 2 -3 p.m. ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**

- AUGUST 28th 3 – 4 p.m. ET: **AIRA Education Steering Committee Webinar – *HL7 101***

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JOINT DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Members of the IIS community met last week in Atlanta at the Public Health Informatics Institute for the Developing a Framework for Joint IIS Development Collaboratives meeting. The group defined the term, joint development, in the context of IIS; identified areas of IIS that may best be addressed by joint development; and identified action steps to address funding, contractual, and operational barriers. This is the first step in this project; the next step will be engaging the IIS vendors for their input on this important topic. We hope to incorporate some of the information from the two day meeting into our Denver meeting.

CDC STACKS – A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCE

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JULY RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee
- The ASC did not meet in July. The next meeting will be on August 6th from 2 – 3 p.m. ET.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee
- The SISC met on July 17th, 2013. The committee continued ongoing review of proposed HL7 Implementation Guide (IG) changes and voted in favor of a proposal regarding query/response messages and the specification of profile(s) for requesting an immunization history. The committee voted to specify one profile that all can support, which will need to have significant portions that have a usage of optional (O). Each IIS will then need to create a profile on top of this that constrains the national standard profile. This profile will need to include requirements that support evaluated history and forecast in order to support expected Meaningful Use 3 requirements.
- The SISC began an discussion and review to standardize ACK messages and codes used by IIS and data exchange partners.

Education Steering Committee
- The ESC met on July 17th, 2013. The ESC is serving as the planning committee for the AIRA National IIS Meeting in Denver in October. Center of Excellence award topics were reviewed.
- Committee members finalized plan for the next educational webinar which is scheduled for August 28th at 3pm ET. The topic for this webinar is HL7 101. A flyer for this webinar can be found **here**.

- Committee members discussed the next issue of SnapShots, which will be released in August 2013.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on July 18th, 2013. The committee conducted in-depth discussion of project materials prepared by the University of Michigan for the evaluation of MIROW guides.
- A possible small-scale MIROW topic – validating and 'cleaning' lot numbers was discussed.