



AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

JUNE, 2013

AIRA 2013 IIS MEETING UPDATE

Many excellent abstracts were submitted for this meeting, and accepted speakers were notified in June. A preliminary agenda will be sent to the membership very soon, and registration for the Meeting will open in early July. Look for updates in your inbox and our website!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

AIRA is happy to announce new sponsorships for the 2013 IIS Meeting:

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AIRA WEBINAR: IIS FOR AFIX

This AIRA Webinar was held on Thursday, June 27, 2013. The presentations from Nevada and New York City focused on the benefits for AFIX Coordinators of using their IIS. If you missed the webinar, you can find the recording on the AIRA website under the [Events Tab/Past Events/Webinars](#).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

AIRA has awarded its contract for coverage assessment investigation and analysis to the University of Michigan. Work on this project will begin shortly.

JULY AT AIRA

- July 3rd 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET:
**AIRA Provider Training
Workgroup Meeting**
- July 10th 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET:
**AIRA Standards &
Interoperability Steering
Committee Meeting**
- July 15th 2:00-3:30pm ET:
AIRA Board Meeting
- July 17th 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET:
**Education Steering
Committee Meeting**
- July 18th 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET:
**MIROW Steering
Committee Meeting**

An RFP was issued for an investigation of the reporting of immunization information to IIS by major U.S. Pharmacies. AIRA awarded the contract to Danielle Reader-Jolley, independent contractor, and work on this project will begin soon.

All RFPs are posted in the Opportunities section of the AIRA website:

<http://www.immregistries.org/job-opportunities>

JUNE RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on June 4th, 2013. The committee discussed the coverage assessment investigation and analysis contract, which was awarded to the University of Michigan after a competitive RFP process. Sarah Clark is the lead on this project, which will have three phases: 1) broad survey to find out what IIS are doing around coverage assessment; 2) compilation of results which will be used to select a group of IIS with whom to do more in-depth telephone or on-site interviews; 3) take both survey results and interviews and synthesize into a white paper talking about range of coverage assessments, barriers, and successes. Work on this project has already begun, and it is anticipated that results will be presented at the AIRA National IIS Meeting in Denver this October.
- The ASC continued discussion of existing data quality tools and development of an AIRA data quality tool, a cooperative agreement activity for which this committee is responsible. The committee discussed parameters of the tool and next steps for tool development.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on June 12th, 2013. The committee continued ongoing review of proposed HL7 Implementation Guide (IG) changes, focusing on query/response messages. Four types of interactions were discussed: EHR requests immunization history, IIS requests immunization history from another IIS, EHR requests evaluated history and forecast, and EHR asks if a patient is in the IIS.
- Eric Larson also gave a report on preparations underway for an update on CDSi version 1.0. Upcoming in release 1.1 you will find:
 - General changes in supporting data, adding specificity in certain areas
 - A change history tab was added to each supporting spreadsheet
 - A brief overview section was added to each series to inform usage
 - Vaccine table was cleaned up (consistency in naming, references, etc.)
 - Removed merged cells to comply with ADA section 508 compliance
 - Created XML-based supporting data as secondary resource
 - Made Antigen Series Supporting Data changes

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on June 19th, 2013. The ESC is serving as the planning committee for the AIRA National IIS Meeting in Denver in October. Committee members discussed agenda planning and sponsorship outreach.
- Committee members finalized plans for the June educational webinar: IIS for AFIX, which was held on June 27th. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).
- Committee members discussed the next issue of SnapShots, which will be released in August 2013.

- Gwen Navarrete from the Nevada IIS has been named as the new ESC Co-Chair. Welcome Gwen!

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on June 20th, 2013. The committee discussed the MIROW the evaluation of MIROW guides. The University of Michigan is contracted to conduct this project and work has begun.
- The new MIROW chapter was approved by the AIRA Board. *Chapter 7: Data Quality Assurance in Immunization Information Systems: Selected Aspects*, is especially relevant for the IIS community today because of the Meaningful Use initiative and other efforts aiming to promote and advance the use and exchange of clinical data in the electronic format. Chapter 7 can be found on the AIRA website under the [Resources Tab/AIRA: MIROW](#)