



AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

APRIL, 2013

IIS – HIE WORKSHOP HELD ON APRIL 4TH

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) organized a forum on April 4th to bring together HIE and IIS staff to discuss interoperability, including bidirectional data exchange. New York City demonstrated a real-world implementation of bidirectional data exchange, Rob Savage gave a presentation on the work underway to standardize immunization query/response, and Mariann Yeager, the Executive Director of Healthway, Inc. gave a presentation on eHealth Exchange, formerly known as National Health Information Network Exchange (NwHIN). Healthway is the non-profit business arm of eHealth Exchange, which provides a set of data exchange standards and aims to be a national health IT infrastructure, i.e. a national HIE. One of the goals of the ONC-organized forum was to explore possible alignment between the IIS community/ AIRA, and Healthway/eHealth Exchange. Several IIS and AIRA representatives attended the forum, and the Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee will continue discussions initiated by this forum.

AIRA 2013 IIS MEETING: ABSTRACTS DUE MAY 7

A Call for Abstracts was sent out broadly on March 25 and submissions are due on Tuesday, May 7 at 11:59PM EDT. [Click Here](#) to view the meeting page and abstract submission information. **AIRA is also looking for qualified volunteers to review the abstracts.** If you are interested please [click here to volunteer](#) by May 7.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

AIRA completed and submitted its application for the second year of a three year Cooperative Agreement on April 17th. The Cooperative Agreement is AIRA's source for a majority of funds and allows us to continue serving the IIS community. The Cooperative Agreement is divided into four parts, 1) Develop and Implement Data Quality and Assessment Approaches, Part 2) Promote Education and Training, Part 3) Develop Operational Guidelines, and Part 4) Provide IIS Peer Support and Specialized Assistance.

MAY AT AIRA

- May 1st 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- May 1st 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET: **AIRA Provider Training Workgroup (formerly known as Online Training Subcommittee) Meeting**
- May 6th 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**
- May 6th 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET: **AIRA Web Services & Real Time Data Exchange Workgroup Meeting**
- May 7th 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET: **AIRA Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- May 15th 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- May 16th 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**
- May 20th 2:00-3:30pm ET: **AIRA Partners and Board Meeting**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

AIRA has awarded its first contract for the evaluation of select MIROW documents to the University of Michigan. Work on this project will begin shortly.

The RFP for coverage assessment investigation and analysis closed on April 22 and the submitted proposals are currently being reviewed.

On April 23rd AIRA initiated another RFP to solicit proposals from individuals and firms interested in participating in a project to survey the reporting of immunization information to an IIS by major U.S. Pharmacies. This RFP can be found in the Opportunities section of the AIRA website: <http://www.immregistries.org/job-opportunities>

APRIL RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on April 2nd, 2013. The committee discussed review plans for the coverage assessment investigation and analysis RFP, which was issued on March 25th and for which proposals were due on April 22nd, 2013.
- The ASC began review of existing data quality tools, the first step towards developing an IIS data quality tool, a cooperative agreement activity for which this committee is responsible.
 - Nathan Bunker, an AIRA member and IIS consultant presented his DQA tool, an Open Immunization Software project which measures completeness, quality and timeliness.
 - Laura Pabst, CDC, presented IIS-TIPS, a SAS-based system that analyzes de-identified, record-level IIS data. The primary purpose of IIS-TIPS is to conduct Sentinel Site evaluations. The secondary purpose is to provide IIS data quality assessment and feedback, which will be a voluntary service for IIS that want to send data.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on April 10th, 2013. The committee continued ongoing efforts to review HL7 Implementation Guide (IG) revisions. Committee members discussed a profile approach for RSP discussed profile acknowledgement for VXU.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on April 17th, 2013. Committee members discussed feedback from the educational webinar: Capturing Eligibility at the Dose Level in an IIS. Feedback from the 89 participants was overwhelmingly positive, with 97% of respondents ranking the session as either Good or Excellent. The ESC is also serving as the planning committee for the AIRA National IIS Meeting in Denver in October. Committee members discussed abstract review and started development of a sponsorship prospectus. Committee members also discussed plans for future educational webinars, which are currently scheduled for June 18th at 3pm ET and August 28th at 3pm ET.
- ESC co-chair Gail Ogawa announced that she will be stepping down from her co-chair position as Hawaii has reorganized and she will no longer be working with the IIS. Gail is happy to be going back to role as Public Health Educator for Immunization Branch, but she will be missed! Kit Uyeda is designated Public Health Educator for Hawaii registry section and will be participating in ESC moving forward.
- If you are interested in volunteering for the role of ESC Co-Chair, please email Alison at achi@immregistries.org.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on April 19, 2013. The committee discussed the MIROW contract and conducted a kick-off call on April 25th with the University of Michigan.
- Eighteen individuals reviewed and responded to the external review request. The committee will now move forward to finalize the document.