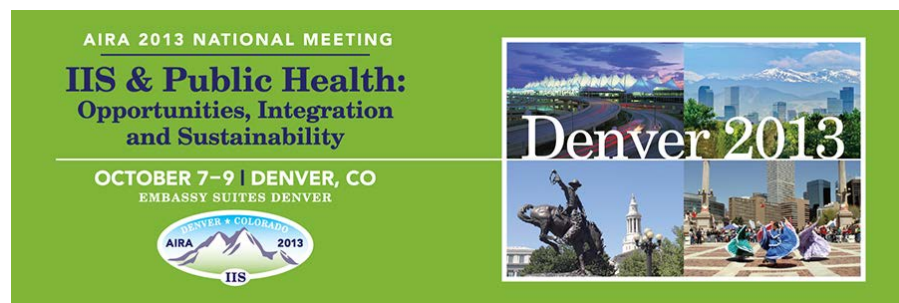# AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

AIRA 2013 NATIONAL IIS MEETING ANNOUCED AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OPENED!

AIRA will host the 2013 National IIS Meeting in Denver Colorado, October 7-9, 2013. You are invited to submit an abstract for oral presentation at the Meeting. All submissions are due on Tuesday, May 7th at 11:59pm EDT. Click on the image above to view the meeting web page and to submit an abstract.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

   AIRA is looking for volunteers to participate on the Nominating and Membership Committee! We are seeking three total members: two organization or individual level members and one business level member. We are hoping our members see this as a unique opportunity to get acquainted with AIRA committees and a chance to help shape the face of AIRA in the years to come. All members are eligible to volunteer, and three total members will be selected.

   As part of the Nominating and Membership Committee, you will help develop strategies to expand membership, support and engage members, and participate in membership-related processes, including recommending Board and officer candidates.

   The Committee will meet monthly Please contact Mandy Harris, AIRA Board Secretary and Chair of the Nominating and Membership Committee, as soon as possible at 775-684-4258 or asharris@health.nv.gov.

HL7 STANDARDS

   As of April 1st, HL7 has made available its currently published standards, implementation guides and other selected HL7

APRIL AT AIRA

- April 1st 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**

- April 2nd 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET: **AIRA Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**

- April 3rd 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET: **AIRA Provider Training Workgroup (formerly known as Online Training Subcommittee) Meeting**

- April 8th 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET: **AIRA Web Services & Real Time Data Exchange Workgroup Meeting**

- April 10th 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**

- April 15th 2:00-3:30pm ET: **AIRA Partners and Board Meeting**

- April 17th 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**

- April 19th 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**

intellectual property at no cost. In the past the standards were only available with a paid membership in HL7. Now anyone can go to the HL7 website to view any or all of the standards. HL7 explains "this landmark decision represents HL7's commitment to the betterment of healthcare worldwide by ensuring that all stakeholders have equal access to its HIT standards."

AIRA will continue to maintain an HL7 membership, which enables us to influence the development of standards, as well as provide access to HL7 resources, tools, and community.

EXTERNAL REVIEWER INVITATION FOR THE NEXT MIROW CHAPTER

On March 28th, AIRA sent out a draft of the next MIROW chapter for the best practice guide titled " *Data Quality Assurance in Immunization Information Systems: Selected Aspects"*. We invite community members to review and provide comments by **close of business on Friday, April 12.** This is an opportunity to review the forthcoming chapter and provide comments that the subject matter experts will review and consider. Attached to this e-mail is a copy of the guide and the feedback form.

AIRA STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IN-PERSON BOARD MEETING

Sixteen people representing the AIRA Board of Directors and AIRA staff met from March 12 - 14, 2013 in Portland, Oregon to discuss the needs of the organization and draft a strategic plan for the coming years.   Participants reviewed the current state of the organization, the previous strategic plan, the cooperative agreement with the CDC, and other background information. After this discussion, the group worked together to draft a revised mission statement, create specific goals for the new strategic plan and draft prioritized objectives under those goals.

The five new strategic goals for AIRA are:

- Increase Financial Capacity
- Ensure Organizational Stability
- Maintain Role as Leading Authority
- Support our Members
- Fully Engage Community and Partners

The Strategic Planning Committee and the Board of Directors will finish development of the new AIRA Strategic Plan in coming months, and it will be shared with members as soon as this process has been completed.

AIRA WEBINAR: CAPTURING ELIGIBILITY AT THE DOSE LEVEL IN AN IIS

On March 20th AIRA conducted a WebEx presentation on capturing eligibility at the dose level in an IIS. This presentation focused on an overview of the White Paper: *Recording Dose Level Eligibility in the IIS*, as well as presentations from two IIS that have implemented dose level eligibility, Oregon and Nebraska. To view the WebEx now, visit our website at http://www.immregistries.org/events/2013/03/20/webinar-capturing-eligibility-at-the-dose-level-in-an-iis.

MARCH RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on March 5, 2013. The committee reviewed and approved the 2013 ASC Charter. The committee also reviewed and approved final changes for the coverage assessment investigation and analysis RFP, which was then issued on March 25th, 2013 and can be found in the Opportunities section of the AIRA website: http://www.immregistries.org/job-opportunities. Proposals are due April 22nd, 2013.
- The ASC began discussion on the development of a 3rd party data quality tool, a cooperative agreement activity for which this committee is responsible. Committee members agreed that the scope of the tool needs to be identified, after which the methodology can be developed.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on March 6th, 2013. The Committee also held an ad hoc meeting on March 4th to review HL7 Implementation Guide (IG) revisions. During the March 6th Steering Committee meeting, committee members reviewed possible MSH-22 changes, a proposed VFC eligibility code, HL7 processing rules, and new CVX codes. During the March 4th ad hoc meeting committee members discussed a proposal to pre-adopt HL7 V 2.7.1 MSH definitions, and a proposal to support the return of just the evaluated history and forecast in preparation for query/response messaging.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on March 20th, 2013. Committee members planned the next issue of SnapShots. The ESC also discussed changes in the Online Training Subcommittee, for which a scope was developed and approved and which is now called the Provider Training Workgroup. The purpose of the workgroup is to provide a forum for training practices, including online training and other methodologies. Tammy Pilisuk, CA and Jenne McKibben, OR, will co-chair this workgroup.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on March 21st, 2013. The committee finalized the mini-guide content for the inventory management topic, discussed progress on the current data quality assurance topic.