AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

PROGRAM MANAGERS MEETING

The Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) co-hosted the November 2012 Program Managers Meeting in Atlanta from November 28th – 30th. The meeting was attended by AIRA Board President Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA Executive Director Rebecca Coyle, and AIRA Program Coordinator Alison Chi.

Dr. Chesley Richards, newly appointed Director of the Immunization Services Division of the CDC, gave the keynote address. Dr. Richards spoke of his vision for the Division: to attain highest levels of coverage for ACIP recommended vaccinations, to eliminate vaccine preventable infections, and increasingly chronic disease (cancer—HPV, cancer/cirrhosis—Hepatitis), and to identify new vaccine opportunities for development and implementation.

Immunization Information System (IIS) related topics covered included Clinical Decision Support, presented by Stuart Myerburg; Barcodes, presented by Ken Gerlach; Meaningful Use Stage 2, presented by Daniel Martin, Dose Level Accountability presentations by Rebecca Coyle and Diana Herrero (CO); Data Use, presented by Laura Pabst; and EHR-Interoperability, presented by Janet Kelly.

Presentations from the meeting are posted on the AIM website.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Don't forget AIRA Membership dues are now due! For more information about membership, visit our website. A second mailing will go out the week of December 10th.

DECEMBER AT AIRA

- December 3rd 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET: **Executive Committee**

- December 6th 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee** *Special Meeting*

- December 7th 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET: **Bidirectional Data Exchange Workgroup**

- December 10th 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET: **AIRA Web Services & Real Time Data Exchange Workgroup**

- December 12th 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee**

- December 17th 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET: **AIRA Partners and Board meeting**

- November 19th 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET: **Education Steering Committee**

- December 20th 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee**

- December 25th & January 1st **AIRA Offices will be closed for Christmas & New Year's**

STAGE 2 MEANINGFUL USE PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TASK FORCE

This task force, comprised of members from multiple Public health organizations and States, is meant to come together voluntarily to discuss and create documents and deliverables to advise CMS, ONC, and state and local jurisdictions on how the stage 2 MU final rules related to the public health objectives should be implemented in real life. AIRA Executive Committee members (Emily Emerson, Frank Caniglia) and AIRA staff (Rebecca Coyle, Alison Chi) are representing AIRA on this Task Force.

The objectives of the Task Force are broken down into three lanes:

CMS Declaration Process

The Task Force will work to create and present a unified requirement document to CMS to define how the declaration process should take place.

Business Processes

1. Registration Process
2. Onboarding & Ongoing Submission Process
3. Public Health Acknowledgement Processes

Specialized Registries

Determine guidance around specialized registries

Current Task Force Deliverables & Activities:

The Task Force recently completed a requirements document for the "declaration" processes and provided this to CMS. The declaration processes relate to CMS establishing a centralized repository of information on PHA capacity to accept electronic data for the PH related MU objectives.

They are currently initiating discussion and developing guidance for PHA related to the "registration" process. The registration process is the process for EPs/EHs to register with the PHA or other body to whom the information is being submitted of their intent to initiate ongoing submission by deadline specified in the final rule.

For more information on the task force or to request an invitation to join, please email wsu5@cdc.gov

NOVEMBER RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on November 4th, 2012. The committee had a guest speaker, Laura Pabst, from CDC present on some of the considerations the IISSB/CDC has encountered when evaluating the methods for calculating IIS-based vaccination coverage assessments.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on November 14th, 2012. Nathan Bunker reported on the September HL7 meeting which he attended as an AIRA representative. Nathan reported on a major development, which is that HL7 Standards are now shared free of charge. Nathan attended the Public Health and Emergency Response (PHER) workgroup, Conformance and Guidance for Implementation/Testing (CGIT), Clinical Decision Support (CDS), and Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resource (FHIR) workgroup. There were two additional presentations during the November 14th SISC meeting: Amy Metroka (NYC) reported on the strategic planning process of the IIS-EHR Bidirectional Data Exchange Workgroup,

and Angel Aponte (NYC) presented an analysis of real-time HL7 web service search success rates in the last year.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on November 14th, 2012. The committee members discussed webinar topics for the upcoming year, including topics that were suggested on evaluations from the AIRA 2012 IIS Meeting. The ESC also discussed plans for a pre-conference workshop that will be offered at the 2013 National Immunization Conference. The Online Training Survey sponsored by this committee was approved by the Board of Directors in November and will be sent to the community soon. So please keep an eye out for it and we urge you to respond to this survey and help build a strong set of online training resources for the community, which will be shared on the AIRA website.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on November 15th, 2012. The committee welcomed its newest member, Tammy Clark from Mississippi. Committee members discussed progress on the current topic, Data Quality Assurance; discussed progress on the mini-guide for the inventory management topic; and began discussing the scope of the evaluation of the MIROW guides which is planned for next year's MIROW cycle.