

What is AIRA?

Discovery Session 1

The Answer

AIRA is a non-profit organization created to support and promote the development, implementation and interoperability of Immunization Information Systems through partnerships, peer and professional education/training, and resource development. AIRA values the voluntary and collaborative interaction of all of its members and interested others to develop the electronic health care infrastructure necessary to prevent and control vaccine preventable diseases.

What is AIRA's role in the IIS Community?

- AIRA provides a forum through which members combine efforts, share knowledge, and promote activities to advance IIS and immunization programs. A strong, unified voice for standards, policy and funding, AIRA is a resource for data exchange standards development, best practices, information sharing, and education/training for IIS managers and staff.

Introductions

- Board President: Frank Caniglia
- Program Manager: Alison Chi
- Jen Bank

The History of AIRA

- All Kids Count Project from 1992-1999
 - Robert Wood Johnson grant funded the start-up of several state IIS
 - Provided conferences & technical assistance
- Need for continuation of this type of mutual support recognized by IIS staff
- Membership-based non-profit organization began in 1999

Vision & Mission

- **Vision:** To facilitate the sharing and use of immunization information by all partners and ensure that immunization information systems are fully supported and represented.
- **Mission:** To promote and support the use of immunization information to ensure healthy communities.

Members

- AIRA has more than 250 members representing:
 - State or regional public health agencies
 - Businesses (vendors & private consultants)
 - Affiliates (other non-profit agencies)
 - Individuals

Key Partnerships

- CDC/NCIRD/IISB
- Association of Immunization Managers (AIM)
- Every Child by Two (ECBT)
- Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII)
- Indian Health Services (IHS)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- HL7 Organization
- Joint Public Health Informatics Taskforce (JPHIT)

Organizational Structure

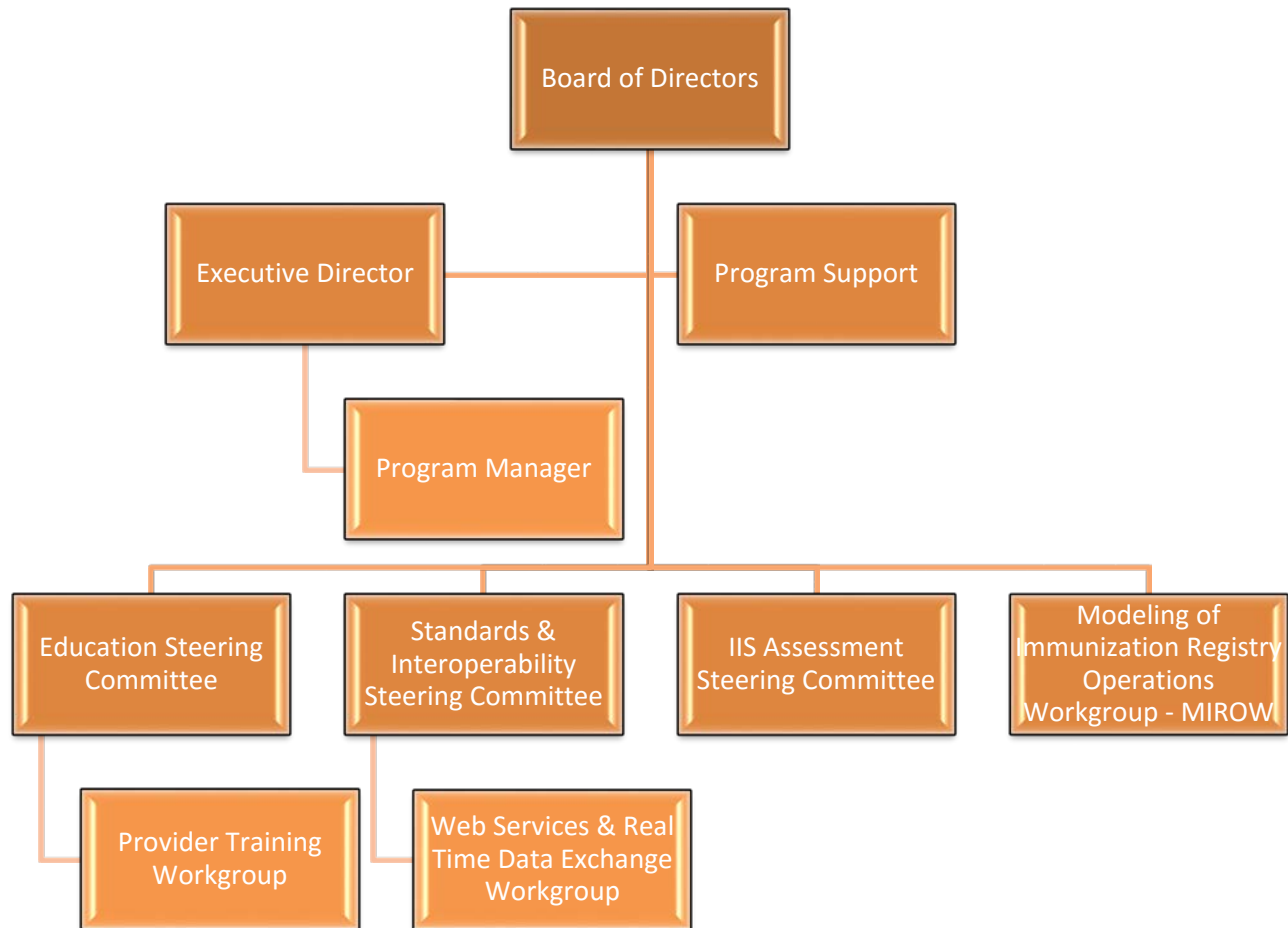
- Volunteers – the keystone of the organization
- Staff
 - Association Management Company
 - Executive Director
 - Program Support
- Consultants hired as needed for various projects
 - MIROW Evaluation
 - Assessment Survey
 - Pharmacy Survey

Board of Directors Structure



COMMITTEES

Current Committee Structure



Co Chairs: Deb Warren & Heather Shull

IIS ASSESSMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

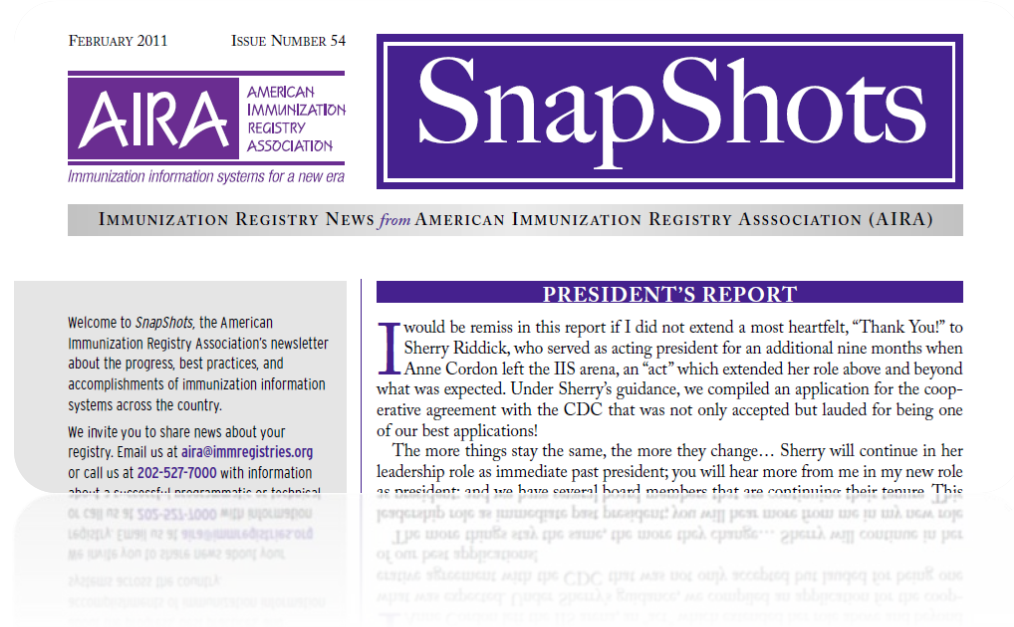
Committee Work

- **Purpose:** provide a forum for the development and testing of metrics, processes, and tools that assist Immunization Information Systems (IIS) to assess and **improve data quality, functional capacity, and data use.** The ASC also generates and disseminate guidelines, recommendations, and best practices.
- **Current Work**
 - Develop, test and implement a standard methodology and process for IIS data quality evaluation using an objective third party approach.
 - Develop a standard methodology for conducting population-based IIS immunization coverage assessments.

EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Committee Work

- **Purpose:** is to promote standards and best practices through informational and educational activities, using both face-to-face meeting opportunities as well as through use of electronic communications methods.
- **Current Work:**
 - *SnapShots*
 - Webinars
 - National IIS Meeting
 - Workshops
 - Website content
- **Education Survey**




STANDARDS & INTEROPERABILITY STEERING COMMITTEE

Committee Work

- The purpose of the Committee is to:
- Provide technical support and guidance to interoperability efforts of AIRA members and the IIS community.
- Provide technical support and provide guidance to the board and Executive Director as they prepare to represent the IIS community in wider health information community regarding interoperability issues.
- Act as a liaison between national organizations involved with interoperability like ONC and others.
- Partner with CMS and others to identify federal Meaningful Use requirements that will provide opportunities to leverage IIS in support of interoperability and Meaningful Use.
- Be a technical authority and develop technical resources for AIRA members and the IIS community.

Current Work

- HL7 Implementation Guide
- Meaningful Use Comments
- HL7 User Group - documenting role;
- Guidance on bidirectional query determine process/venue for resolving most significant messaging discrepancies across the IIS community



AIRA Education Steering Committee Webinar

Interconnected Information Systems for a New Era

HL7:101

This summer, AIRA will offer a one-hour introduction to **HL7 2.5.1**

Wednesday, August 28

3:00PM-4:00PM Eastern (12:00PM-1:00PM Pacific)

Rob Savage, Co-Chair of AIRA's Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee, will lead this valuable session to introduce HL7 2.5.1 to those who work with immunization information systems (IIS).

Topics covered will include:

- ✓ Use cases
- ✓ Usage
- ✓ How messages are built (data types, fields, segment, etc)
- ✓ Data types
- ✓ NVAC core data elements
- ✓ And more! (VIS, VFC, etc)

Plan to join us for this important learning opportunity!

Participation is FREE and no registration is required.

WebEx & Audio Conference Information:

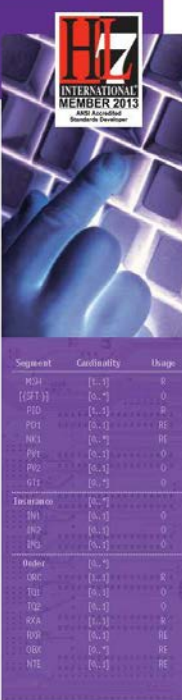
Topic: **AIRA Education Steering Committee Webinar: HL7 101**

Date & time: **Wednesday, August 28, 2013 13:00PM Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)**

Event URL: <https://meetings.medsys.webex.com/joinmeetings/meeting1.php?EID=23086440&UID=503813857&W=NOT&M=M02100RT1-MMM02630630>

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MIROW STEERING COMMITTEE

Committee Work

- **Purpose:** Identifies IIS operational issues that would benefit from consensus-based best practice guidelines
- Subject Matter Experts work in a facilitated session to develop recommendations around a specific issue
 - Process takes approximately a year
- Seven chapters currently available
- New topic has been identified
- Micro topic is being completed



MIROW MINI-GUIDES

MORE AIRA

National IIS Meetings

- 1st Meeting held in 2012
- 2nd Meeting held in 2013



Centers of Excellence Award

- Given annually since 2004
- Awarded to IIS that has shown innovation and effectiveness in using IIS data in support of their immunization program
 - Topics change each year
 - 2013 Innovative Approaches for Supporting an Immunization Program Using an IIS
 - 2012 Quality of IIS Data
 - 2011 Interoperability and IIS Data Use

How can AIRA work for you?

- Visit our website www.immregistries.org to find useful materials and information
- Email us or call us with questions
- Join AIRA as a member and participate in our activities

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We want to hear from you!

- What topics do you want AIRA to explore?
- What do you need more information about to make your job easier?
- Are there resources you would like to have?