

## AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 2016 IN REVIEW

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### AIRA 2017 NATIONAL MEETING UPDATE



On October 24<sup>th</sup>, AIRA opened the call for abstracts and registration for the [AIRA 2017 National Meeting](#). AIRA's 2017 National Meeting will be held in Chicago, Illinois on April 11-13, 2017. The 2017 National Meeting builds upon the success of AIRA's previous National Meetings by continuing to work toward our common goal of supporting and promoting the development, implementation and interoperability of IIS. Information regarding registration, call for abstracts, sponsor opportunities, and hotel reservations can be found on [AIRA's website](#). For questions regarding the AIRA 2017 National Meeting, please email AIRA Senior Program Manager [Carmela Gupta](#).

### NOVEMBER AT AIRA

- November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 – 3pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 – 5pm ET: **AIRA Town Hall Meeting on Submission/Query Assessment**
- November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Joint Development & Implementation Advisory Workgroup**
- November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3:30pm ET: **Executive Committee Meeting**
- November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**
- November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Technical Workgroup Meeting**
- November 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 – 4 pm ET: **Awardee Joint Development & Implementation User Group Meeting**
- November 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Meeting**
- November 21<sup>st</sup>, 3– 4 pm ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**
- November 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**

## AIRA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce the election results for the 2016-2017 AIRA Board of Directors:

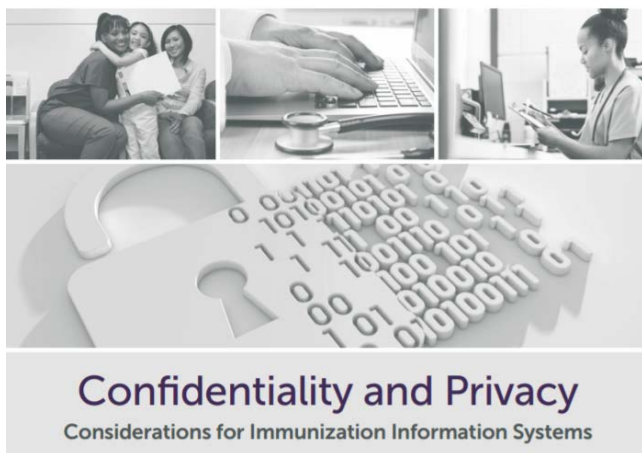
- President Elect: Kim Salisbury-Keith (Rhode Island)
- Treasurer: Belinda Baker (Washington)
- Voting Directors: Megan Meldrum (New York State), Quan Le (Louisiana), and Baskar Krishnamoorthy (Florida)
- Non-Voting Director: Brandy Altstadter (Scientific Technologies Corporation)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the election process. We saw the highest number of votes cast in recent years. Congratulations to our new Officers and Directors and a very big thank you to our outgoing Board members. Amy Metroka has served in the Presidential role for the past three years – we thank her for her leadership, passion and service to our community. Beth English has served as the AIRA Treasurer for the past two years – Beth's leadership has provided a lasting impact on our fiscal stability.

## AIRA REGIONAL MEETING IN ATLANTA A SUCCESS

AIRA held a Regional Workshop for the Southeast Region on October 18<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, Georgia; 29 attendees participated including AIRA staff. The Regional Workshop provided an opportunity for training and education, as well as for participants to interact with their peers from the region and to discuss shared issues. Attendees conversed about the implications and preparedness strategies for Meaningful Use Stage 3, and learned about the new data validation guide for the IIS onboarding process and shared local challenges, strategies and solutions on data quality issues. In addition, attendees heard an update on the status of interstate data exchange and participated in a discussion on communication strategies for presenting complex content to leadership. Overall the workshop was engaging and productive. Attendees consistently evaluated the workshop as positive and beneficial.

## CONFIDENTIALITY & PRIVACY DOCUMENT RELEASED



At the beginning of October, AIRA released the [Confidentiality and Privacy Considerations for Immunization Information Systems](#) document.

This document summarizes different IIS confidentiality/privacy issues and provides considerations and sample forms. A community wide webinar was conducted on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 that covered the contents of this guide. The presentation slides and recording are available [here](#). A companion document discussing security considerations is underway and is projected to be released in Spring 2017. If you have questions, please contact AIRA Sr. Project Manager [Nichole Lambrecht](#).

## TOWN HALL RECORDING ON ASSESSMENT MEASURES

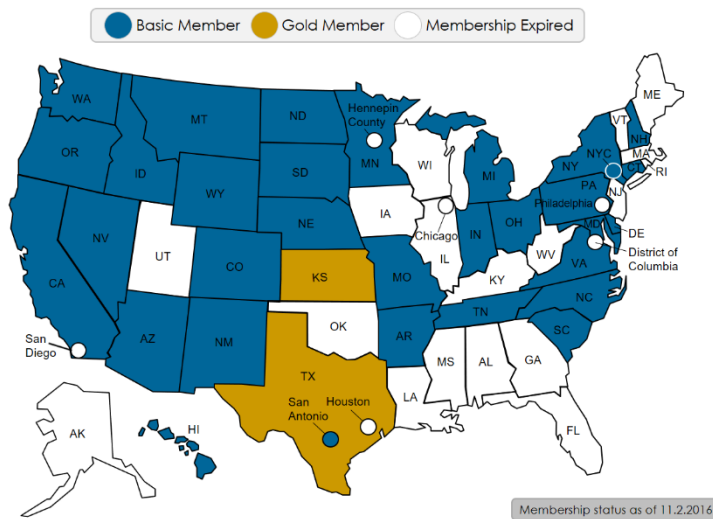
The Measurement for Assessment and Certification Advisory Workgroup (MACAW) hosted a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the submission/acknowledgement and query/response proposed assessment measures on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. IIS Assessment is a voluntary measurement and improvement process designed to assist IIS in more closely aligning with standards. All IIS were encouraged to participate in the meeting but if you missed the meeting and would like to watch a recording, please click [here](#). For any questions related to assessment or these proposed measures, please contact AIRA Sr. Project Manager [Nichole Lambrecht](#).

## REQUEST FOR SNAPSHOTS ARTICLES

[SnapShots](#) is AIRA's quarterly newsletter about the progress, best practices, and accomplishments of IIS throughout the community. We would love to hear highlights and recent accomplishments from your IIS. To contribute article or content ideas for SnapShots, please email SnapShots Editor [Katie Reed](#) by Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## AIRA MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: JOIN TODAY!

### AIRA 2016-2017 Members



Join your peers all over the country in becoming a 2016-2017 AIRA member today! AIRA membership is now limited to IIS, IIS Implementers, non-profit organizations, or any other individual who is not associated with a for-profit organization. AIRA membership is \$300 per year or \$1,500 per year for a **gold** membership status.

There are many reasons to become an AIRA member including registration discounts to the [AIRA 2017 National Meeting](#), voting benefits, use of an AIRA member logo, receipt of AIRA publications and access to member-only resources.

AIRA membership can be paid with a credit card over the phone, online or by check. If you wish to pay for membership via direct electronic deposit, please note AIRA's bank information has changed; [Amanda Dayton](#) can help answer any questions you may have. A current list of all AIRA members is located on our [website](#). If you have questions or would like to receive a gold member invoice, please email [Ketti Turcato](#) or call (202) 759-0186. We hope you will renew your AIRA membership soon!

### AIRA 2016-2017 Members & Partners

Not Represented on the Map

#### Gold Members

##### IIS Implementers

- ◆ Hewlett Packard Enterprise
- ◆ HLN Consulting, LLC
- ◆ Envision Technology Partners, Inc.

##### Affiliates

- ◆ NORC

#### Members

##### Affiliates

- Immunization Action Coalition
- Public Health Informatics Institute
- The Arizona Partnership for Immunization
- University of Michigan Child Health Evaluation and Research Unit
- Victorian Cytology Service Registries

##### Individuals

- Rob Savage
- Susan M. Salkowitz

#### AIRA Partners

##### Presidential



##### Premier



## NEW! AIRA 2016-2017 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

AIRA's new Partnership Program offers an exceptional opportunity for anyone interested in further supporting AIRA's mission and for organizations ineligible to become AIRA members. AIRA Partnership benefits include:

	Premier Partner	Presidential Partner
Discounted registration rates at AIRA meetings	3	6
Access to AIRA Partner Logo	♦	♦
Recognition on AIRA's website by partnership level	♦	♦
Receipt of AIRA publications including SnapShots and AIRA's Monthly Update	♦	♦
Opportunity to submit partner updates in AIRA Monthly Update	♦	♦
Total Cost	\$1,500/year	\$2,500/year

Partnership runs October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. All partners are subject to the [AIRA Partnership Program Terms and Conditions](#). Contact [Ketti Turcato](#) for more information.

## AIRA TRAINING & EDUCATION PACKAGE AVAILABLE

AIRA is now offering a Training & Education Package for \$2,400 to cover all eligible expenses for the [AIRA 2017 National Meeting](#). The AIRA Training Package will cover eligible expenses including meeting registration fees, hotel lodging, meals and incidentals, airfare, checked baggage, airport parking, and ground transportation costs. All expenses will be covered in accordance with [AIRA's travel policies and procedures](#). If you are interested in purchasing this package or have any questions, please contact [Ketti Turcato](#).

## CDSI CORNER: HPV & MENINGOCOCCAL UPDATES

ACIP approved a couple key schedule changes on October 19, 2016:

- Human papillomavirus vaccine: 2-dose schedule for boys and girls initiating HPV vaccination series at 9 to 14 years (0, 6-12 months); 3-dose schedule for persons initiating HPV vaccination series at older ages; 3-dose schedule for immunocompromised persons.
- Meningococcal vaccines: provided guidance on the updated dosing schedules for one serogroup B meningococcal vaccine, MenB-FHbp (Trumenba). For persons at increased risk for meningococcal disease and during serogroup B outbreaks, 3 doses of MenB-FHbp administered at 0, 1-2, and 6 months; when given to healthy adolescents not at increased risk for meningococcal disease, 2 doses of MenB-FHbp at 0 and 6 months.

If approved by the CDC Director, the recommendations will become official once published in *MMWR* later this year. At that time, the CDC CDSi project will incorporate the recommendations into the CDSi resources. For more information on these and other votes, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>. Questions related to the CDSi project can be sent to [NIPinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:NIPinfo@cdc.gov).

## RECIPROCAL MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: AIM AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Each year, the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) presents awards to its members in recognition of their outstanding initiatives, service, dedication, and leadership. The awards will be presented at the [2017 AIM Leadership in Action](#) conference in Charleston, SC in February 2017. The following awards will be presented: Natalie J. Smith, MD Award; AIM Bull's-Eye Awards; AIM Rising Star Award; AIM Impact Award; and AIM Partnership Award (new for 2017!). The Natalie J. Smith Award, Bull's-Eye Awards, and Rising Star Awards have an open nomination process.

Please consider nominating one of the 64 federally-funded state, local and territorial immunization Program Managers for an AIM award! Eligible candidates must be Program Managers from one of the 64 city, state, or territorial immunization programs directly funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. There are additional restrictions on eligibility for various awards, so please consult the nomination forms for details. For more detailed information about each award and the nomination process, visit the [awards page on AIM's website](#). Nominations are due by Dec. 2, 2016. If you have questions about the AIM awards process, please contact [Mary Waterman](#).

## OCTOBER RECAP

### Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) met on October 6<sup>th</sup> and received a progress update on the addendum to the [Analytic Guide for Assessing Vaccination Coverage Using an IIS](#), and began discussing the next two phases of the data quality project. Phase II will look at incoming and outgoing data monitoring processes and phase III will look at data quality practices for data at rest. The ASC was presented with a comprehensive scope for all three phases. The ASC also decided to develop a single guide that would explain how to interpret and communicate NIS, IIS and other coverage assessment results for their next Coverage Assessment Project. The start date for this project is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on October 12<sup>th</sup> and received an update on the Functional Guide. The first pass at the Functional Guide will be reviewed and discussed at the November SISC meeting. The SISC also discussed the idea of sunsetting the HL7 Version 2.3.1 Implementation Guide (IG). The SISC will be collecting information and resources from those who have been through this process to make them available to others to create a best practice pathway for sunsetting 2.3.1 interfaces.
- The Technical Workgroup met on October 26<sup>th</sup> and addressed a number of discussion topics, including how to send comments in a message, developing a use case for



demographic updates, and reviewing a number of updated data types. All Technical Workgroup recommendations are forwarded on to larger SISC meeting for presentation and approval. Due to Thanksgiving, the SISC Technical Workgroup meeting has been rescheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm ET.

### **Education Steering Committee**

- The Education Steering Committee (ESC) met on October 19<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the latest version of the AIRA education survey which incorporated the committee's feedback from the September meeting. The ESC also began planning the next edition of SnapShots and the webinars for the next Cooperative Agreement year.

### **MIROW Steering Committee**

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on October 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss different options for the next MIROW development cycle (2017-2018). After much discussion, the group decided to forgo working on a new topic for the next year and instead do some strategic planning for moving forward as well as developing strategies for updating current MIROW reference materials. Additionally, MIROW can free up some funds to ensure that the current topic, consolidating records, is able to finish with the full scope of demographic records and vaccination event records. The MIROW steering committee will begin to plan an interactive working session at the AIRA 2017 National Meeting to obtain input on strategies for MIROW in the future. The next regularly scheduled MIROW meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.