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AIRA Unveils New Logo and Website



AIRA unveiled a new robust website in February and to compliment the new website we have updated the look and feel of AIRA, including a new logo. Since its inception 19 years ago, AIRA has evolved to become a recognized and respected voice of the IIS community. The new AIRA logo represents our interconnectedness and strength as a community.

The new [AIRA website](#) was designed to keep the community updated on current and new AIRA initiatives and offer easy access to all of AIRA's resources. As before, website users can learn about AIRA, read about current and new AIRA initiatives, manage their membership and search the resources repository. New functionalities include the ability to create a personal profile and access one's committee information, the ability to download events into one's calendar, and access to a map and listing of member organizations. AIRA has plans to release collaborative tools, social networking and interactive maps on the site over the next year. For more information about the new AIRA website or to give feedback on the project, please email info@immregistries.org.

Changes to AIRA's Membership Structure and Pricing Begin October 1, 2018

AIRA is making changes to its membership structure and pricing that will be effective starting October 1, 2018. We want you to be aware of these changes as you prepare your Cooperative Agreement budgets for 2019.

AIRA's membership rates are close to what they were almost 20 years ago, and it is important for AIRA's membership to reflect the value we provide today. For that reason, the AIRA Board of Directors voted to increase the price of membership, which we believe is fair to our members and reflects the value AIRA provides. Under the new structure:

- Members have exclusive access to specific AIRA services, such as address cleansing, information requests and a member directory.
- Membership includes a set number of voting members along with an unlimited number of non-voting members.
- A new [Supporting Members](#) option enables the larger community to participate in AIRA's ongoing work and sponsor the AIRA National Meeting.
- IIS implementers are both voting members of AIRA and part of the Supporting Membership.

Details about pricing and benefits for all members and supporting members can be found on the [AIRA website](#).

As we continue to serve the entire IIS community, our updated dues structure will allow AIRA to grow and continue its mission to promote and support the use of immunization information to ensure healthy communities. Our goal is to make our association strong so that we can provide more robust services, products, and educational opportunities to make the IIS community even stronger.

We hope that you will continue to support AIRA as we strive to facilitate the sharing and use of immunization information by all partners and ensure that immunization information systems are fully supported and represented.

SISC Announces New Functional Guide Series!

The AIRA Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) is proud to announce publication of the first volume of the new IIS Functional Guide series. The [IIS Functional Guide on Query and Response](#) is now available on the AIRA website. This volume of the IIS Functional Guide focuses on select aspects of query and response.

A community wide webinar introducing the guide was conducted on February 26, 2018 and once available, the recording will be posted alongside this guide in the [AIRA repository](#).



The SISC has already started planning the next volume of the Functional Guide series. The new topic will utilize the 2018-2022 Functional Standards/Data Elements and develop graphical model guidelines for the data elements. The guidelines will serve the IIS community with clearly outlined and defined data elements that will standardize the definition and usage of these data elements. Before the scope is finalized, AIRA would like to get more feedback from the community to ensure that most important attributes are covered as it relates to data elements via the following short [survey](#).

Please respond to the survey and/or send any materials to [Kristi Siahaya](#), preferably by March 16, 2018.

In addition, the project will be enlisting subject matter experts (SMEs), with the guidance from a public health consultant, to review existing materials and develop recommendations for this project. This SME workgroup will meet virtually and will include conference calls and some homework. If you have expertise working with the CDC Endorsed data elements or know of someone that you think should be considered for this workgroup please send your/their name, title, organization, and a brief summary of their duties as they relate to this topic to [Kristi Siahaya](#) by March 16, 2018. You can also provide SME information at the end of the survey. Space is limited so accepted participants will be contacted by the end of March.

AIRA Welcomes New Technical Analyst



Tracy Little joined AIRA in February 2018 as a Technical Analyst. Prior to this role, she worked as Interoperability and Data Exchange Lead for Oregon ALERT IIS for seven years. In that role she managed EHR onboarding and testing, Meaningful Use activities, and IIS enhancements related to HL7 data exchange and systems interoperability. Tracy has many years of strategic planning and project management experience. Please join us in welcoming Tracy to the AIRA team!

Measurement and Improvement: Proposed Submission/Acknowledgement and Query/Response Validation Measures

The AIRA Measurement and Improvement team along with MACAW (the Measurement for Assessment and Certification Advisory Workgroup) launched a new version of the Aggregate Analysis Reporting Tool, or AART in mid-February. The enhancements include support for Validation, a summary stage to acknowledge IIS that are progressing toward or achieving alignment with community-selected measures and tests. The first phase of Validation will begin with Transport and will be rolled out in March, with reports available in April.



* An IIS can change their settings at any time

We are excited to discuss the second and third phases of Validation with the community on **March 7th from 3pm– 4pm EST**. You are invited to a Town Hall meeting to discuss the proposed Submission/Acknowledgement and Query/Response measures for Validation. For more details about the proposed measures for Submission/Acknowledgement and Query/Response, please register [here](#) for the Town Hall webinar on March 7th. Questions or comments can be sent to [Kristi Siahaya](#). Visit the AIRA website for additional information on [Validation](#) and the [Measurement and Improvement Initiative](#).

Steering Committee Updates: February Recap

[Assessment Steering Committee](#)

- The ASC meets on a quarterly basis and the next meeting will be held on March 6th at 2pm ET.

[Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee](#)

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee met on February 14th and the SISC Technical workgroup met on February 28th.
- Both the steering committee and workgroup reviewed technical assistance requests and discussed the timeline of the next implementation guide, the version currently in the balloting process.

[Education Steering Committee](#)

- The Education Steering Committee met on February 21st and received an update on a new email training course from Public Health Informatics Institute.
- The steering committee continued planning their webinars for 2018. Members will take a poll to finalize topics and are hoping to host these webinars on a standardized schedule.
- The committee is also in the process of selecting topics for the 2018 Education Plan.

[MIROW Steering Committee](#)

- The MIROW Steering Committee (SC) met on February 15 to discuss the next steps in the MIROW strategic planning efforts.
 - Repackaging workgroup – The PAIS guide was selected as the pilot document. The Repackaging workgroup is currently reviewing all past guides to determine the best template outline for repackaging.

- Common vocabulary/domain workgroup - This group is in the process of reviewing all guides and developing one consolidated document for all MIROW work. This group is also working on creating a crosswalk between MIROW terms and CDC-Endorsed Data Elements.
- Promotional workgroup – This workgroup has submitted abstracts to the National Immunization Conference, the AIRA National Meeting, the AMIA 2018 Symposium, and the PHI conference.
- This month the SC started the process of updating the MIROW Charter. The SC also began discussions about selecting a topic for a guide that would be created in 2018-2019.