# AIRA | AMERICAN IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY ASSOCIATION — Monthly Update

## In This Issue...

1. [Join Us! AIRA-AIM Reception at the National Immunization Conference](#)
2. [AIRA National Meeting Preliminary Agenda Now Available](#)
3. [AIRA Website Treasure Hunt](#)
4. [AIRA Holds Two Regional Workshops in March](#)
5. [JDI Message Quality Evaluation Tool - Requirements Update](#)
6. [Onboarding Subject Matter Experts Meet In-person](#)
7. [HIMSS18](#)
8. [Validation Rollout](#)
9. [Information Request Added to AIRA Repository](#)
10. [Steering Committee Updates: March Recap](#)

## Check Out the New AIRA Events Calendar for Upcoming...

- [AIRA Events](#)
- [Webinars](#)
- [Committee Meetings](#)
- [AIRA Board of Directors Meetings](#)
- [Partner Events](#)

## Join Us! AIRA-AIM Reception at the National Immunization Conference

Please join AIRA and [AIM](#) for an evening of networking at the CDC's [National Immunization Conference](#) in Atlanta, Georgia on Monday, May 14th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Appetizers and drinks will be served. We hope to see you there!

Join AIRA and AIM for an evening of networking before the National Immunization Conference. Kick off the conference by connecting with old friends and making new ones. Appetizers and drinks will be served.

## AIRA National Meeting Preliminary Agenda Now Available

The preliminary agenda for the AIRA National Meeting is now available online! The agenda includes a mix of presentations and interactive breakout sessions on a variety of key IIS topics, including:

- **Technical Aspects of IIS |** Interoperability, CDSi, Electronic Health Records, Onboarding, IIS Sustainability and Infrastructure, Functional Standards, Tools for Standards, Best Practice, and Guidance Implementation, and Consumer Access
- **Data |** Data Quality, Data Use and Data Sharing, Vaccination Coverage, and National Immunization Survey & IIS Assessments
- **Immunization Program Activities |** AFIX, VFC, IIS Preparedness, Outbreak Response, Training and Education, Partnering with Stakeholders, and School Immunizations
- **& So much MORE!**

This year's meeting also includes a unique global emphasis to highlight IIS work at the international level. The 2018 National Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, UT on August 14-16, 2018. Click here to register, book your hotel room, sponsor the meeting, and more. We hope to see you in Salt Lake City!

## AIRA Website Treasure Hunt

Each month the AIRA Monthly Update will deliver a fun clue to guide you in exploring the new AIRA website. The first person to email the correct answer to info@immregistries.org will get a prize.

April Clue:
Webinars, calls, and meetings galore
Visit this part of our website to see what's in store
April showers may bring by May flowers
But neither is better than happy hours

## Got a Minute?

Quick Activities to Get to Know the AIRA Website and Make It Even Friendlier

Add your picture to your profile:

1. Go to the AIRA website at http://www.immregistries.org and log in
2. Click My Profile on the right side of the screen.
3. On your profile page, click the My Profile tab and select Change Profile Picture.

Click on the picture to upload your picture.

---

## AIRA Holds Two Regional Workshops in March

AIRA offered two regional workshops during the week of March 12th. The first was in Cincinnati, Ohio followed by Providence, Rhode Island later in the week. The meetings kicked off with each IIS sharing their current activities, challenges, needed resources, best thing they learned over the past year, and most creative data use. Attendees continued to participate in roundtable discussions on AIRA's Measurement and Improvement project, comparing NIS and IIS vaccination coverage estimates, data quality during onboarding, and improving/maintaining quality data submissions once an interface is in production. The ample roundtable discussions provided extremely interactive sessions allowing new and veteran community members the opportunity to both learn and share.

---

## JDI Message Quality Evaluation (MQE) Tool - Requirements Update

The Joint Development and Implementation (JDI) Message Quality Evaluation (MQE) Tool Project is now well underway. The MQE Project Team has met several times, and has affirmed the requirements as drafted in the IIS Joint Development and Implementation (JDI) Message Quality Evaluation (MQE) Tool Overview and Functional Requirements. The team evaluated further requirements, including the development of a Provider Report Card, but ultimately deemed the

additional requirements out of scope for this phase of the project. These additional requirements have, however, been recorded for potential future phases of development.

The MQE project team is moving forward with a number of deliverables, including implementing a GitHub Wiki as a tracking location for governance documentation as well as source code, and developing implementation and testing guidance for use of the MQE tool.

For more information about AIRA's MQE project, or to join the collaborative development effort, visit the AIRA website, download the beta version of the MQE Tool, or contact Maureen Neary at mneary@immregistries.org.

## Onboarding Subject Matter Experts Meet

Subject matter experts from the IIS and EHR community met in-person March 20-22 in Phoenix, AZ to discuss the IIS-EHR Onboarding process. The meeting took place as part of a larger AIRA Onboarding initiative that is developing best practice guidance to improve efficiencies and standardize the onboarding process. The meeting was a huge success with collaboration and participation from IIS, EHR, CDC, and AAP representatives. AIRA anticipates releasing the guidance document late fall 2018. For more questions about this project please contact Nichole Lambrecht, AIRA Sr. Project Manager.



*From left to right (front sitting row): Tricia Franklin (AK), Elaine Lowery (AIRA Consultant), Danielle Reader-Jolley (AIRA Consultant), Steve Hill (Cerner), Jason Suchon (Metastar/WI), Mary Woinarowicz (ND), Rebecca Coyle (AIRA), Jane Lammers (NV), and Nichole Lambrecht (AIRA). From left to right (back standing row): Baskar Krishnamoorthy (FL), Jim Pearsol (Meeting Facilitator), Jan Hicks-Thomson (CDC), Greg Faber (EPIC), Angie Felt (MN), Kristi Siahaya (AIRA), Micah Resnick (AAP), and Danny Wise (Allscripts).*

# HIMSS18



For the first time this year, AIRA was a conference collaborator at the annual conference of the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society, or HIMSS, held March 5-9, 2018, in Las Vegas. The annual meeting drew over 44,000 participants, and brought a diverse set of speakers and presenters, including Eric Schmidt, former Executive Chairman of Alphabet, Inc. (parent company of Google), Seema Verma, current Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and Dr. Don Rucker, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC).

The meeting opened with several day-long symposia; AIRA staff attended a session on Population Health that explored some of the data and resource considerations for measuring and impacting large populations. On day two of the conference, AIRA also hosted a gathering for participants interested in Immunization Information System (IIS) topics. The session drew a diverse audience, including Health Information Exchange partners, pharmaceutical company stakeholders, IIS professionals from The Netherlands and Puerto Rico, and more. AIRA leadership presented on organizational topics, measurement and improvement, and clinical decision support, among other themes.

AIRA staff also attended two sessions focused on the HIMSS/Immunization Integration Program, or IIP, the recognition program that highlights those EHRs that integrate immunization best practices into their systems and workflows. Warren Williams, IIS Support Branch Chief, spoke about the parallel efforts across the Electronic Health Record (EHR) and IIS communities to better align with standards that accelerate interoperability. Informally, AIRA staff had the opportunity to talk with countless partners and stakeholders, including many EHR vendors, who value and prioritize the data and information that their IIS exchange with them.

For more information about AIRA's presence at HIMSS18, contact Mary Beth Kurilo.

---

# Validation Rollout

AIRA and MACAW (the Measurement for Assessment and Certification Advisory Workgroup) are very excited to release the first Validation reports for Transport.  Transport Validation has both a Basic and Complete level of Validation.  These more graduated levels of Validation have been added to better show progress and success across the IIS community.

Users are asked to review their results in AART, confirm their participation and sharing settings and add any relevant policy information over the next 30 days before results are shared in AART or elsewhere. Admin users can modify their participation and sharing settings at any time.

The AIRA Board also approved the Submission/Acknowledgement and Query/Response Validation Measures. These measures repeat the measures used for Assessment of Submission/Acknowledgement and Query/Response, but they are reorganized into "Basic" and "Complete" levels of Validation.

Visit the AIRA website for additional information on Validation and the Measurement and Improvement Initiative. Please direct feedback or questions to Kristi Siahaya at ksiahaya@immregistries.org.

---

## Information Requests Added to AIRA Repository

Recent Information Requests regarding patient inactivation and reporting requirements, enforcement, and penalties have been added to the AIRA repository, and can be found by using the "Information Requests" filter. Information Requests are viewable only by individual members and individuals affiliated with member and partner organizations. Just log in to view these valuable resources! If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Branham, Membership and Executive Administrator.

---

## Steering Committee Updates: March Recap

Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee met on March 6th and received updates on the data quality, message quality evaluation tool and small area analysis projects.
- The steering committee is also currently in the process of reviewing its charter.
- The ASC meets quarterly, and the next meeting is scheduled for June 5th, 2018.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on March 14th and discussed their timeline for reconciling balloting comments and questions related to HIMSS-IIP.
- The SISC Technical workgroup met on March 28th and reviewed ballot comments proposed resolutions and accompanying comments from SISC members regarding LOINC codes for general patient observation, RXA-9 in RSP messages, protection status, VIS barcoding, and value set ordering,

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee met on March 21st and received an update from Public Health Informatics Institute on their upcoming IIS new manager training.

- The March 2018 edition of SnapShots, the recent AIRA Regional Workshops and AIRA 2018 National Meeting were also discussed.
- The steering committee continued planning for the upcoming year. Four topics ranked highest by committee members have been selected for the next ESC hosted webinars. The committee has also selected three topics to for the committee to focus on for the upcoming year and to include in the 2018 Education Plan.

## MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee (SC) met on March 15 to begin the process of selecting a topic for a guide that will be developed in 2018-2019. The co-chairs will meet in-person from April 17-19 to plan how to implement the new strategic plan for development of MIROW guides. Three MIROW subgroups continue to work on: repackaging past guides; creating a common vocabulary document for all MIROW guides; and promoting the work of MIROW. The MIROW SC is also in the process of updating the MIROW Charter.