

## AIRA PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Sunday, October 27, 2002

The Double Tree Hotel

Avenue of the Arts

Philadelphia, PA

<b>1. HIPAA: <i>The New Healthcare Landscape and the Opportunities for Immunization Registries.</i></b>	<b>12 noon-2:30 p.m.</b>
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Immunization registries have been primarily concerned with HIPAA's privacy rule, and whether or not they would be required to obtain written consent for each person in the registry. Many registries have determined that HIPAA does not apply to them and given the law little further attention. However, the impact of HIPAA on immunization registries is likely to be much broader than registries may understand.

The intent of the HIPAA administrative simplification rules is to fundamentally change the way information is collected, stored and exchanged. The rule on transactions and codesets and the forthcoming rules on identifiers are intended to put in place national standards that will transform the current patchwork of conflicting and proprietary health information systems into an interconnected system where information flows easily between providers, insurers, and payers. The security rule is intended to put in place national standards to protect the health information that is now easier to transport/transmit.

This workshop will discuss the broad issues raised by the fundamental changes in the healthcare landscape that HIPAA will set in motion. It will examine the opportunities raised by asking the following questions:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How will the new transaction and codeset rules affect the data that is available to registries?</li><li>• How will the rules for national provider and health plan identifiers affect how registries interact with those entities?</li><li>• Will providers continue to collect and transmit the same information as they do now? Will the data available from HIPAA compliant data systems be better or worse, easier or harder to obtain?</li><li>• How will Medicaid transition to HIPAA compliant claims affect immunization registries' ability to integrate and/or exchange data?</li><li>• Will the security rule affect how easy it is for registries to obtain data and share it?</li><li>• Even though immunization registries may not be required by law to comply with HIPAA rules, will the healthcare community expect (or insist) that they adopt the codes, data interchange methods, and security technology that become the foundations of the industry?</li></ul> |
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A portion of the workshop will be participatory. Participants will be able to contribute their experiences in preparing for HIPAA's impact, as well as have ample opportunity to ask questions.

### Workshop Leaders

- **Mark Charles, Consultant, Altarum Institute, Ann Arbor, MI.** Mr. Charles was a senior design consultant for the Michigan Childhood Immunization Registry and is currently the lead HIPAA compliance expert for Michigan's project to convert their Medicaid information systems to HIPAA compliant transactions and codes.
- **Jeff Weihl, Information Technology Director, Michigan Public Health Institute, Okemos, MI.** He is responsible for the development and operation of the Institute's information technology and telecommunication systems and infrastructure.

**2. INTEGRATED SYSTEMS PROJECTS: *Planning and Management Techniques and Tools.*** **3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

Planning and managing an integrated public health information system that supports state and local public health information needs requires resources, political support, strategic planning, and vision. This workshop will provide participants with management techniques and tools to assist in achieving success with an integrated systems project.

The workshop will be interactive and utilize “lessons learned” to explore important questions that will help you determine the best approach to integrating your systems and/or to managing their further development. A workshop workbook will be provided.

**Who Should Attend**

Immunization registry managers, directors, systems staff, health department staff, providers, health care organizations and others who are planning and/or currently developing or operating integrated systems projects.

**Workshop Leaders**

- **Peter Kitch, MBA, Director, Kansas Integrated Public Health System (KIPHS) Office, Wichita, KS.**
- **Sherry Spence, MCH Data Systems Coordinator, Office of Family Health, Oregon Department of Health Human Services, Portland, OR.**
- **Jennifer Hollingsworth, Business Analyst, Iowa Department of Health, Information Management Bureau, Des Moines, IA.**