

Joint Development & Implementation Advisory Workgroup

March 3, 2017

1:00 – 2:00pm ET

Welcome

Bill Brand, PHII, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Michael Flynn (NYS), Mandy Harris (NV), Bill Brand (PHII), Gary Wheeler (HPE), Judy Merritt (STC), Gerri Yett (AK), Brittany Ersery (KS), Noam Arzt (HLN), Belinda Baker (WA), Warren Williams (CDC)

Therese Hoyle (MI) was on the phone but not on the Webinar

Mary Beth Kurilo (AIRA)

Absent: Steve Murchie (Envision), Aaron Bieringer (MN)

The January minutes were approved as presented (pending correction of the spelling of Gerri Yett's name).

Update: Address Cleansing Pilot Project

Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA
Therese Hoyle, MI
Pilot Projects

- Pilot is completed, and analysis includes both a pilot evaluation summary and a supplemental funding request.
- The summary write up is currently being reviewed by the six pilot sites. [\[See slide for overall findings.\]](#) On average, data available demonstrated that deliverability increased from 71% to 88%. Similarly, addresses determined to be undeliverable averaged 12%. The pilot project did not get to evaluating the impact on deduplication.
- Therese shared that they learned in Michigan that their connection to SmartyStreets was faster than their internal connection to a third-party service.
- Belinda: there is significant interest within the iWeb Consortium to use this product. Mary Beth, Danielle, and Maureen all joined the last iWeb call and shared about the project. Belinda said that use of SmartyStreets also helped Washington State to identify some issues with their current mailhouse vendor.
- Mary Beth reviewed next steps: The AIRA team clarified with SmartyStreets that a 3-year unlimited license is possible; in fact, they preferred it and offered a 15% discount. This highlights how cost-effective JDI can be in providing improved performance and standardization. Hope to formally announce at the April National Meeting. Working with Elaine Lowery on the policy and MOU aspects of using SmartyStreets.
- Bill suggested that we need to keep an eye on what is gained and what is lost when jurisdictions move from an intra-jurisdictional shared service to an inter-jurisdictional service.

Shifting the Address Cleansing Project to Implementation

Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA

- The decision was made to merge the Communications and Repository work groups, given the overlap in the issues each would be addressing. This newly convened group will focus on key messages for the national meeting, and on defining JDI requirements for the AIRA repository (e.g., what does a shared platform look like for JDI, how can we optimally support the various JDI groups and projects?).
- The group noted that it will be critically important to link with Program Managers to ensure their perspective is included.

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Results of the Evaluation Survey, Next Steps

Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA

Eleven of 13 JDI members responded to the survey to help identify future directions and next steps. Among the findings:

- We still need greater clarity around the scope of JDI. For instance, are we focused on narrow projects or the larger issues such our role in open source software or cross-platform development of solutions.
- Respondents acknowledge the complexities of JDI but also believe it is necessary.
- Respondents felt that, so far, the Work Group has been working in alignment with the governance drafted.
- The initial project provides some proof of concept, certainly for joint implementation but not yet for joint development.
- The survey responses suggest that we have not done enough communicating about JDI to the community, although that was largely intentional given the lack of concrete pilot information until recently. However, at least some groups felt we had sufficient information in JDI/SmartyStreets that we perhaps erred too much on the side of caution.
- Need to engage central IT, provider/HIE partners (but it's not clear who we reach out to within Central IT), and Program Managers (who need to be armed with the right questions to ask and the right information to share when working with central IT and providers/HIEs). Providers and HIEs may have questions about how cleansed addresses are brought back into their systems. It's important to note that HIEs function very differently in different jurisdictions.
- Regarding potential future directions regarding governance issues to address, number one was "sustainability," which might mean for IIS overall or for JDI or both. Second topic was policies that support vendor engagement, and third was recommendations on emerging policy options, such as Service Centers. We may need to define these more fully.
- For projects, data quality, patient matching and inter-jurisdictional exchange, and vaccine level deduplication were the top four (top three were closely scored).
 - The top three are all universal needs, regardless of platform or jurisdiction.
 - Inter-jurisdictional exchange is a much bigger project than the other two, including both policy and technical issues, plus an AIRA group and ONC are already addressing this topic.
 - The data quality tool is important – it would be interesting to develop a tool that could be applied even across the board to EMR systems. This could really help with onboarding. Tackling these issues upstream could help our data substantially; this is similar to what CNI is doing with their immunization integration project.
 - Rather than just "develop" data quality tools, perhaps developing evaluation tools to help jurisdictions evaluate and select commercial or open source DQ tools that best supplement the DQ functions of their core IIS.
 - Important note re: patient matching; Mandy reminded the group that MIROW is currently developing guidelines around record consolidation (which is the step that follows after a match has been determined). This should be kept in mind as we consider the patient matching topic.
- Where can JDI Advisory Workgroup explore and advocate more broadly for funding towards JDI efforts?
 - Increase collaboration with AIM
 - Explore mechanisms for jurisdictions to increase funding, more than advocate for funding itself.
 - Shared service model is helpful to avoid equity and administrative burden of states pooling funds.

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- Could include Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) as well as GSA, although that doesn't alleviate local complexity for every jurisdiction.
 - The group ran out of time for discussion, but AIRA staff will meet with Michael Flynn and Bill Brand to discuss and plan for next steps prior to our next meeting.

Wrap Up

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Bill Brand thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: April 7th at 1pm ET