

Joint Development & Implementation Advisory Workgroup

May 5, 2017

1:00 – 2:00pm ET

Welcome

Bill Brand, PHII, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Bill Brand (PHII), Therese Hoyle (MI), Gerri Yett (Ex-Officio), Michael Flynn (NYS), Aaron Bieringer (MN), Judy Merritt (STC), Michael Suralik (HLN), Belinda Baker (WA), Mandy Harris (NV)

AIRA Staff: Mary Beth Kurilo, Maureen Neary, and Amanda Branham

Consultant: Danielle Reader-Jolley

Absent: Warren Williams (CDC), Brittany Ersery (KS), Steve Murchie (Envision), Noam Arzt (HLN), Gary Wheeler (DXC)

The March minutes were approved as presented.

Update: Address Cleansing Roll-Out, Communication Group

Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA
Maureen Neary, AIRA

- Mary Beth provided a brief [update on the Address Cleansing Pilot](#).
- AIRA plans to fund the first year of the Address Cleansing service and is still waiting to hear back from CDC on their supplemental funding request for the next 3 years.
- At the recommendation of the JDI Advisory Workgroup, AIRA has created a Partner Agreement (rather than an MOU) to smooth the policy and legal barrier for sites.
- The Address Cleansing Implementation Guidance is currently being reviewed internally and will be shared with the workgroup around the 15th of May.
 - **Action Item:** The deadline for comments/feedback will be May 26th. (note – this date has since been moved up to May 23rd to ensure availability of the guidance for IIS Programs by June 1st).
- An announcement about the upcoming rollout has been posted on the [AIRA website](#).

JDI Process, Next Steps

Bill Brand, PHII
Michael Flynn, NYS
Mary Beth Kurilo, AIRA
Rebecca Coyle, AIRA

- The focus on these three out of the four projects came from the evaluation responses around Dec of 2016.
 - DQA as an Open Source Tool, Patient Matching/Tools, Interjurisdictional Exchange
- On the last call Rebecca Coyle suggested a Data Entry Service where we might get some economies of scale with providing data entry for data that might not otherwise be put into an electronic form.
 - A small group met to discuss how to scope out this project.
- After reviewing all four proposals, workgroup will conduct individual scoring for each project proposal over the next month.
- Bill Brand provided an overview of the Data Quality Assurance Tool: Ongoing Governance and Support project summary.
 - This project focuses on the governance and a planning framework for open source tools so they can be further developed through consortium of users and supported over time.
 - How do we ensure a product like this moves responsibly and smartly to a broader framework of decision making?
- Workgroup suggestions/comments:

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- How can we get the vendor community to look at this tool, because they might have some of these tools already developed.
 - Broad communication will be key.
- Nathan will also add the crosswalk mapping for NDC and SmartyStreets connections and it's becoming a one stop shop which is helpful for homegrown sites.
- We do not want to duplicate what is already out there, but we want to provide visibility into it so folks can use what is helpful (i.e. ideas, concepts).
- Developing some community informed and meaningful process is the essential part of this project.
- There have been different types of structure from this DQA project that we can learn from and evaluate how a governance structure will work.
- Another option would be to simply create a new category around governance that begins to identify the questions and answers around governance at a high level.
- Part of that governance will need to work with states on cost and how they can find funding to support the tool.
- A small group could be formed to look at governance issues related to open source software.
 - The group will make the most progress when it has an identified project it can apply itself to.
- Noam Arzt (HLN) pointed out via email that this project is about governance, so another option could be to focus the governance on the SMART AFIX tool that STC developed with CDC.
 - The tool is owned by CDC and STC is contracted through them to provide enhancements or updates as directed by CDC.
 - An unknown component of this might be: To what extent is CDC open to governance through AIRA of a product they own?
 - The functionality of the tool (the standard) will be mandated in 2018.
- Michael Flynn presented an overview of the project summary on Standardizing Deduplication
 - This project focuses on patient deduplication not immunization (shot) deduplication.
 - Based on the information we have, is there a better way to apply a more sophisticated solution that would actually reduce the number of merges?
- Workgroup discussion/comments:
 - This is very applicable for all registries even more so now with HL7.
 - This could be relevant to the outbound in terms of coming up with a standard that needs to be applied to other products independent outside of the IIS that partners can also benefit from.
 - Is there a better solution in place that we could all benefit from?
 - Look at the work other people have done that could possibly be adapted or enhanced.
 - There are adequate mechanisms that identify duplicates, but it is the time that it takes to then perform the resolution once the matching has been made.
 - For some with a module tool implementation becomes difficult to bring data in, evaluate, and send it back to another system to tell it what needs to be modified.
 - We could consider a tool where people could test their deduplication to see if their outcome is the same.
 - It is difficult to make a testing tool without the standards to base it from.
 - Testing may be part of the project regardless because if you get a product or change in the solution you must measure it and measuring requires testing.

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Wrap Up

- Michael Flynn, NYS, Co-Chair
- AIRA will schedule an ad-hoc meeting the week of the 15th to discuss the final 2 project summaries.
 - **Action Item:** AIRA will send out a doodle poll to assess availability.
 - Michael Flynn thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 2nd at 1pm ET