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## AIRA HONORS PHDSC WITH 2008 ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP AWARD

BALTIMORE, MD and NEW YORK, NY March 06, 2009 – The Board of Directors of the American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) honors the Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC, Consortium) as recipient of the **2008 AIRA Partnership Award**, bestowed annually to an organization partnering with AIRA to promote Immunization Information Systems.

AIRA applauds the Consortium's efforts toward bringing a common voice from the public health community to the national initiatives on standardization of health information technology at the standards development organizations, Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP), Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE), and Health Information Security & Privacy Collaboration (HISPC). These efforts helped advance a standard-based approach to interoperability across public health information systems and public health and clinical information systems.

As a member of the Consortium, AIRA actively participated in the national health information technology standardization activities at HITSP, IHE and HISPC that helped define interoperability standards for electronic health information exchanges between clinical systems and Immunization Information Systems as follows:

### **Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP)**

- ❖ HITSP Immunization & Emergency Response Interoperability Specification (IS 10). HITSP. 2008. URL [http://www.hitsp.org/InteroperabilitySet\\_Details.aspx?MasterIS=true&InteroperabilityId=363&PrefixAlpha=1&Prefix=IS&PrefixNumeric=10](http://www.hitsp.org/InteroperabilitySet_Details.aspx?MasterIS=true&InteroperabilityId=363&PrefixAlpha=1&Prefix=IS&PrefixNumeric=10)

### **Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)**

- ❖ *Building a Roadmap for Health Information Systems Interoperability for Public Health*. PHDSC. 2008. URL [http://www.ihe.net/Technical\\_Framework/upload/IHE-PHDSC\\_Public\\_Health\\_White\\_Paper\\_2008-07-29.pdf](http://www.ihe.net/Technical_Framework/upload/IHE-PHDSC_Public_Health_White_Paper_2008-07-29.pdf)
- ❖ *IHE IT Infrastructure (ITI) technical Framework. Pediatric Demographics*. IHE. 2008. URL [http://www.ihe.net/Technical\\_Framework/upload/IHE\\_ITI\\_TF\\_Supplement\\_Pediatric\\_Demographics\\_TI\\_2008-08-22-2.pdf](http://www.ihe.net/Technical_Framework/upload/IHE_ITI_TF_Supplement_Pediatric_Demographics_TI_2008-08-22-2.pdf)

### **Health Information Security & Privacy Collaboration (HISPC)**

- ❖ *Inter-Organizational Data Agreement Model*. HISPC & AIRA. 2008

These efforts positioned Immunization Information Systems at the core of electronic health information exchanges between clinical care settings and public health agencies, and enabled Immunization Information Systems to serve as a national model for further development of interoperable clinical-public health information exchanges.

We invite AIRA and PHDSC members and friends to attend the award ceremony at the AIRA Volunteer Service Award Presentation and Reception at the 2009 National Immunization Conference (NIC) in Dallas, Texas on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 6-8pm. (URL: [http://www.immregistries.org/news/2009NIC\\_AIRA\\_activities.phtml](http://www.immregistries.org/news/2009NIC_AIRA_activities.phtml)).

**Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC)** is a national non-profit membership-based organization of federal, state and local health agencies; professional associations; academia; public and private sector organizations; international members; and individuals. The Consortium **promotes** the electronic connectivity between public health and clinical care via interoperable Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems (EHR-S) and the integration of health-related data systems to meet the health data needs of public and private organizations, agencies and individuals; **represents** public health interests and needs in standards development organizations, data content committees, and standards harmonization and external certification bodies; **represents** public health interests and needs on issues of privacy, confidentiality and information security; **identifies** priorities for the new national standards for population health; and **educates** the public health community about standards and the health information technology community about public health. For more information about the Consortium, go to <http://www.phdsc.org>

**AIRA (American Immunization Registry Association)** is a membership organization to promote the development and implementation of immunization information systems (IIS) as an important tool in preventing and controlling vaccine preventable diseases. The organization provides a forum through which IIS programs, and interested organizations, individuals and communities combine efforts, share knowledge, and promote activities to advance IIS and immunization programs. For more information about AIRA, go to <http://www.immregistries.org/index.phtml>.

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