Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC): Mary Beth Kurilo provided an update. Mary Beth is stepping down as co-chair of this committee and Mary Woinarowicz will co-chair this group with Rob Savage.

The committee is currently reviewing its work plan which includes on-going support of the HL7 Implementation Guide, including Query and Response. V5 of the Implementation Guide is now published to on CDC’s web site. A Functional Guide will be developed next.

The committee will also be providing input into what future validation or certification processes for IIS might look like. The group will be discussing options for moving this forward and what that might look like.

The next meeting of SISC is scheduled for December 10.

Fact Sheet: Nathan Bunker discussed the future development of an HL7 Meaningful use fact sheet for Electronic Health Record vendors and providers. The purpose of the fact sheet was to provide basic information regarding Meaningful Use. A draft will be prepared and circulated for comment.

Experiences from the Community: Brian Taliesin is a Systems Analyst with Digital Health Solutions. He is part of PATH’s Digital Solutions team working in Tanzania. PATH is an international nonprofit whose work includes vaccines in Africa and Asia. Brian described some of the barriers faced in Tanzania, including the lack of consistent electricity, the lack of unique ways to identify children, and not being able to identify the number of children living in a catchment area and the need to blend paper and electronic processes. Brian also described the tremendous support and leadership that came from the many organizations involved in immunization efforts.

Training Topic: Data Types Nathan Bunker reviewed the correct use of data types in HL7 messages. The slides used in the presentation are posted.

Questions and Topics for Discussion:

- Oregon mentioned that they are having a problem with missing ORC segments for each RXA in 2.5.1 and for understanding what triggers are used to send a message to the IIS.
- Correct messaging of vaccine reactions was briefly discussed. These OBX segments would not be tied to RXAs since they are an observation of a reaction which may or may not be tied to a specific vaccine administration.
- Ongoing discussion of the need to message funding source separate from VFC eligibility information.
- A brief discussion of the lack of all Influenza codes being included in the current Influenza Quality Measure.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2014 2:00pm EST