On today’s call were

Keren Gavra, Product Development Manager, Docufide, Inc.
Bob Hewett, Principal Software Engineer, Pearson, and Co-Chair of ERUG
Scott Hillman, Vice President, Operations and Customer Services, Docufide, Inc.
Clare Smith-Larson, SPEEDE/eTranscript Coordinator, and Member of AACRAO SPEEDE Committee, Iowa State University
Tom Stewart, Miami Dade College (FL) - Retired, & Member of AACRAO SPEEDE Committee

Bob started the call at 4 minutes after the hour.

Future Call Agendas: Bob plans to send out agendas (and calls for agenda items) at least one day prior to the call for future ERUG conference calls. If there are no agenda items to discuss, Tuan and/or Bob may then opt to cancel that week’s call.

Immunizations: Bob raised the issue of a modification to this complex data element in both the High School and College XML Transcripts.

He suggested adding a new optional simple data element called something like “ImmunizationExemption” with enumerated values such as “Medical”, “Religious”, “PreviousOccurrenceOfDisease”.

He also discussed the need to indicate which dose of the immunization is being reported, such as “Dose 2 of 4”. This needs a little more work and Bob will work on this before the next call.

Bob noted that Rachel Hendrickson from the California State University Chancellor’s Office had raised a concern about immunization data on the student transcript and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) issues.

We’ll discuss the immunization issues again on the next call.

Multiple Grades for a Course in Alberta: We also discussed a request from the province of Alberta in Canada where the PESC XML Transcript has been implemented throughout the province.

They have a need to show up to three different types of grade a student may earn in a course. A student might be awarded a grade by the instructor, another grade based on a province standardized exam and a third grade which is a blend of the other two grades.
A simple solution would be to make the “CourseAcademicGrade” repeatable up to three times. However, we would need to indicate which of the three types of grades is being included. The grade would also have to be tied to the grade scale code.

In order to retain the backward compatibility of the use of the various versions of the schema, we would probably need to create a new, optional repeatable complex data element such as “ComplexCourseAcademicGrade” as child to “AcademicRecord.Course”.

“ComplexCourseAcademicGrade” would have the following optional simple child data elements:

   "CourseAcademicGradeScaleCode",  "CourseAcademicGrade",  "CourseAcademicGradeCode".

“CourseAcademicGradeCode” would have the following enumerated values: “InstructorAssignedGrade”, “ExamGrade” and “BlendedGrade”.

The group on the call felt that we really needed to have someone from Alberta join a future call before this is approved, to insure this would be the best way to solve the problem in Alberta.

If this were to be approved, then we would mark the two existing data elements that are child to “AcademicRecord.Course” (“CourseAcademicGradeScaleCode” and “CourseAcademicGrade”) to be deprecated on a future major release of the two transcript schemas.

Metadata Information for “UserDefinedExtensions”: This item was introduced at the face to face meeting in Los Angeles. Scott had been in touch with the person from the University of British Columbia who raised the issue, and Scott will contact him again to see if he could join a future call when we could discuss it again.

Days and Times for Future ERUG Calls: Bob noted that participation in the calls has been very limited and perhaps we need to survey the group again to find a better time to get better participation. It was decided to wait a few more weeks to see if we can get better participation if the agendas are distributed earlier each week.

Today’s call ended at 47 minutes after the hour.

Next Conference Call is Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at noon Eastern (11 am Central, 10 am Mountain, and 9 am Pacific) Standard Time. Call 866.352.3799; Meeting Number *7696363*.