MedBiquitous Professional Profile Working Group Charter

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Mission

The mission of the MedBiquitous Professional Profile Working Group is to develop XML standards and Web services descriptions to enable the exchange of clinician profile information across organizations and systems.

Context

MedBiquitous develops information technology standards for healthcare education and competence assessment. Through working groups and a standards committee, MedBiquitous members are creating a technology blueprint for healthcare education and competence assessment. Based on XML and Web services standards, this blueprint will weave together the many activities, organizations, and resources that support the ongoing education, performance, and assessment of healthcare professionals.

The organizations that support the ongoing education, performance, and assessment of clinicians often need to exchange clinician profile information with one another and with business partners, such as journal publishers, in order to effectively fulfill their missions. For example, certification and licensure information are often transmitted to central organizations and repositories to allow the public and organizations to determine the certification and licensure status of an individual clinician. Credentialing services also require data related to clinician education, training, certification and licensure. Finally, many services supporting administrative functions related to professional education and competence assessment require a mechanism for communicating clinician information, including unique IDs.

To address these needs, the MedBiquitous Professional Profile Working Group is creating a specification for the communication of clinician profile information, including but not limited to the following categories:

- Name
- Address
- Unique identifier
- Education
- Training
- Certification
- Licensure
- Occupation
- Personal Information
- Membership information

Scope

The working group will focus on creating a specification for professional profile data and will supplement these efforts with requirements for one or more Web services to enable the exchange of professional profile data across organizations. With the help of staff and the MedBiquitous Technical Steering Committee, requirements will be used to create Web services descriptions. These specifications and services will serve as foundation pieces for other specifications and Web services designed by MedBiquitous and will be architected to allow for other parts of the MedBiquitous blueprint for healthcare education and competence assessment.

Work Plan

The Working Group will meet via teleconference on most occasions. Face-to-face working group meetings or barn raisings may be convened upon occasion. Working Group members or staff will perform much of the group's work independently with member comments submitted to a discussion list.