Data Dictionary Implementation: Lessons Learned from RMLS

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RMLS™ Environment

• In-house IT/Programming
• MS SQL Server

• RETS conversion Oct. 2007
• RETS transition to Bridge Interactive Group in 2010
• All RETS components hosted In House
RETS Environment

• MS SQL Server DB with live data
• SQL Views - 1 per Resource/Class plus support tables
• Configuration - maps SQL views to RETS Resources/Classes
• StdNames - Property - maps System Name to Standard Name
• StdNames - Template - defines report containers for XML Standard Name output

• RESO DD spreadsheet and RMLS™ Metadata Mapping spreadsheet
Lessons Learned

1. Not a committee job
2. Provide background information to person(s) evaluating DD
3. Use ‘RID’ as a foreign key
4. Work in Steps - Start with Data Definitions
5. Use ‘Group’ to focus on related fields
6. Maintain cross reference spreadsheets
Questions?

THANK YOU!