Reporting Approach

Overview

Beginning with Financials Wave and Payroll Wave launch, Florida PALM will be the book of record for the state's financial and accounting operations. The Florida Accounting Information Resource (FLAIR) System and its components will be retired. The functions currently performed by Central FLAIR, Departmental FLAIR, and Payroll (PYRL) will be performed in Florida PALM. The FLAIR Information Warehouse (IW) will be replaced with a new Florida PALM Data Warehouse that includes legacy FLAIR IW and Florida PALM data. Agencies will use standardized business processes for financial and accounting activities, with new functionality, data elements and data values.

Information Warehouse

Agencies currently use legacy reporting tools and the FLAIR Information Warehouse (IW) to meet reporting and data needs. Many agencies use information from the IW to support agency business systems and agency-owned reporting tools and data warehouses. DFS will implement the data warehouse and business intelligence solution to coincide with the Florida PALM implementation for Financials Wave and Payroll Wave. The results of the Information Warehouse assessment and approach for its replacement will be shared with enterprise and agency stakeholders when additional details are available.

The objectives for the data warehouse are to replace the Information Warehouse and serve as the primary source for legacy and Florida PALM data. Reporting tools, including business intelligence tools, will be available for enterprise and agency end users. End users will have access to standard reports and self-service reporting tools to meet agency-specific information needs. The data warehouse will include Florida PALM and legacy data, but the type of legacy data, and time period for this data, will be determined in consideration with the recommended solution. More information about the reports available through Florida PALM or the Data Warehouse will be provided as implementation activities are completed.

Planned Reports

The Reports Catalog describes the reports planned for future Waves, as well as the reports implemented during CMS Wave. The Reports Catalog includes report descriptions, key data elements and expected end users. More information is available for the CMS Wave reports, such as navigation, tips for use and the related legacy reports. As design work is completed, more information will be added for the reports planned for Financials Wave and Payroll Wave.

The Project published a Pathfinder tool to assist agencies in understanding and evaluating how they will use Florida PALM functionality beginning at Financials Wave. This tool links the legacy business processes and other items to the related Florida PALM business processes, interfaces and report topics. This tool includes a directory of legacy reports and the related filter topic in the Reports Catalog. These tools will be updated as design and build work is completed.

Data Structure

Data collected for the business events managed in Florida PALM will be available to stakeholders through online inquiries, reports, queries, and outbound interfaces. The types of information available for each business process and event will be similar to the legacy information collected, but the data elements and values will be different. This information will be developed and shared as part of business process design, configuration activities and interface layouts.

Upon validation and approval of the requirements for Financials Wave and Payroll Wave and completion of design work, the Project will share more information about the solution. Resources available on the Florida PALM website include the following:

- The Standardized Business Process Models describe how agencies and Enterprise will use Florida PALM functionality. The models identify the applicable end user roles, interfaces, reports, accounting entries and order of key steps. The narratives include Florida PALM screenshots based on delivered functionality (which may change). These screenshots are useful to support an understanding of the business process.
- The Chart of Accounts (COA) structure is based on Florida PALM functionality which differs from the legacy system. Florida PALM will leverage data relationships (e.g., trees, nodes) and use source modules, within the system, to capture detail transactions and activities, such as status information and dates. Transaction information is summarized and posted to the General Ledger. The data elements and values for the implemented COA data elements are limited for CMS Wave functionality but will be expanded (e.g., additional data elements and values) beginning at Financials Wave and Payroll Wave. The Florida PALM COA will replace the legacy COA. The legacy COA and COA crosswalk will be retired when FLAIR is retired.
- A Data Dictionary, available in Smartsheet, describes the Florida PALM data tables and elements within each table. Functional definitions and mappings to related data elements are included for data used in CMS Wave. The tool will be updated to include additional tables and data elements as design activities are completed.
- The Configuration Approach describes how data values will be collected, validated and configured for use in Florida PALM. Agencies will be provided configuration workbooks to collect and validate agency-specific values needed for Florida PALM data elements. Enterprise data values will be developed in collaboration with enterprise partners and agencies.