The HUB Data Access team is pleased to announce the release of several new student InfoSource data models and SIRI Reports to support campus enrollment reporting. These models and reports are based on HUB Student Record (SR) data sourced through a separate data warehouse transformation product and housed within UB InfoSource. Moreover, supplemental tables that contain student-level service indicators, student group membership and basic biographic-demographic data will also be included with this release. Finally, a series of lookup tables to merge HUB's academic structure with that of the institution will also be provided. Access to the new models and reports will only be provided to users who completed the Data Usage survey published last May. A complete list of new models and definitions can be found here:

http://apb.buffalo.edu/UBSIS/InfoSourceHUBTables.xlsx

SIRI Reports can be found here:

https://siri.buffalo.edu/analytics/

New users can request data access by completing the access request form here:

https://isonline.buffalo.edu/infosource/general_info/signup/reqaccess.html

The transition to the new HUB system is an extremely complex undertaking. As we gain experience with HUB's operation, we may find it necessary to alter a process and/or structure to "fine tune" the system to respond more appropriately to UB's needs. Moreover, although a majority of HUB is now "live", "data scrubbing" operations are also underway to refine the conversion of legacy SIS data to new HUB formats. These operations will be applied in successive "waves" as we move through the coming months. Accordingly, the users should be aware that there may be a certain amount of volatility within the environment which may generate unexpected results. Moreover, the scrubbing operation also precludes the availability of legacy data prior to Fall 2009 in the new models. Again, as the environment becomes more stable, we will rectify this situation and populate the new models with data generated prior to the Fall 2009 timeframe.

Concomitant with the release of the new models and reports is the announcement of a support structure to respond to user questions. The structure is comprised of two parts: – a core group of Distributed Data Access (DDA) professionals who have been working with test HUB InfoSource data over the past 6 months, and a Help Listserv (HUB-DA-HELP-LIST@LISTSERV.BUFFALO.EDU). The DDA's have been selected from academic units and are skilled at transforming InfoSource student data into actionable information products. The Help Listserv is monitored by the DDA's and other HUB personnel. As we move forward, questions and responses posted to the Help Listserv will provide the foundation to improve both the quality of the data and structure of the InfoSource student models.

Users with questions are encouraged to first contact the DDA associated with his or her decanal unit. A list of DDA's and contact information can be found here:

http://apb.buffalo.edu/test/apb/UBSIS/DDA_List.pdf

The DDA will then attempt to answer the user question directly. If the DDA cannot answer the question, he or she will post to the Help Listserv to seek a solution among the larger community of HUB functional and technical personnel. From there, the question will be triaged and a response will be generated as time and resources permit. The user posting the question will then be contacted directly with a response. Responses will also be posted to the Help Listserv to facilitate expansion of everyone's knowledge. Users from areas without DDA representation should send questions directly to the Help Listserv, where they will be triaged appropriately.

It is understandable there will be many questions about the new models and reports. Accordingly, we plan to continue our successful Data Access Town Hall series with several discussions that will focus on the new information. The first Town Hall will be held July 14 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM in 120 Clemens. A separate announcement of this event will be forthcoming. We look forward to seeing you there.