PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 19, 2025	[] Consent [] Workshop	[X] Regular [] Public Hearing
Department: Facilities Development & Operations		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: the conceptual acceptance of a mobile dental clinic vehicle, subject to conditions noted herein, that the Florida Department of Health (DOH) is seeking to acquire by donation through partnerships with United Way (UW) and Clinics Can Help (CCH) and whereupon County will title in the County's name and maintain.

Summary: The DOH currently operates a Palm Beach County dental health program (Program) focusing on preventive dental services at Title 1 elementary schools and dental care for uninsured adults living with HIV. The Program relies on an outfitted mobile dental vehicle to bring increased access to care while enhancing convenience. The existing mobile dental asset maintained by the County is no longer adequate for DOH's use due to required repairs not being cost effective for its continued use. This asset also requires a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to operate and the vehicle size restricts the ability to access locations that do not have the necessary space to set up for services. Through donations coordinated by UW and CCH, DOH has identified the possibility of acquiring a 2003 Ford E-550 outfitted for mobile dental services. On June 18, 2025, DOH, UH and CCH approached County staff to coordinate the potential acceptance of the vehicle. Under Florida Statutes 154.01, DOH equipment is subject to the provisions of the contract between DOH and the County. Pursuant to the contract between DOH and County (R2025-0002), all vehicles will be transferred to the ownership of the County and registered as a County vehicle. Following review by County staff, it was determined that the potential vehicle acquisition is not in alignment with County's policy due to asset age. Acquisition of a 23-year-old vehicle may result in future maintenance challenges due to parts availability; staff advised DOH accordingly. DOH, UW, CCH have considered the potential limitations and still deem the acquisition of a fully renovated asset as the best path forward to support the Program. The 2003 replacement vehicle will not require a specialized license to operate, will be able to access locations previously restricted due to vehicle size and has been determined by DOH to be an acceptable asset that will meet their programmatic needs. Having advised DOH, UW and CCH of the potential fleet management challenges with this asset and with the intention of providing continued support to DOH's Program, County staff recommends conceptual acceptance of the vehicle for DOH to move forward with acquisition. If approved, County staff plans to return at a later date recommending acceptance of the donated asset contingent upon County staff's assessment of the vehicle condition at time of donation and acceptance thereof. (FDO Admin) Countywide (MWJ)

Background and Policy Issues: Since 2000, the Health Care District has received fleet management services from the County through an Interlocal Agreement.

Attachments:

DOH Letter of Support

Recommended by:	L Coly	8/5/25	
<i>.</i>	Department Director	Date	
Approved by:	201 Alm	8/10/25	
	County Administrator	Date !	

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A.	Five Year Summary of	Fiscal Impac	et:			
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C.	Other Department Revi	ew:				
	Department Director					

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.





July 22, 2025

Dr. Isamí C. Ayala-Collazo Assistant County Administrator, Palm Beach County 2633 Vista Parkway West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Dear Dr. Ayala-Collazo,

United Way of Palm Beach County and the Florida Department of Health- Palm Beach are very excited to be working together with Palm Beach County to bring an important resource to our community. The Mobile Tooth Fairy Van Project will bring valuable dental care to children throughout the community, especially where access is a concern. This project is made possible from a private foundation gift to United Way that will span five years. United Way will facilitate the purchase of a specific van identified by Health Department leadership, and have it customized to meet the locally identified needs. Health Department leadership has completed their due diligence on the van and is confident it is the right vehicle to have purchased and used solely for County Health Department operations, despite it being older than usually acquired. The vehicle will be thoroughly inspected prior to delivery and further inspected upon delivery to ensure there are no issues and is an operational ready-to-go unit before acceptance by the Health Department and County. The vehicle has approximately 60,000 miles to date, and the life expectancy of the engine is 300,000 miles. If the vehicle needs any service, a recent search for standard parts found availability. In addition, over the five-year period, United Way will be providing a fixed amount of operational, maintenance and fuel costs to the Health Department annually to support these costs.

This project has identified outcomes, and in the first year of implementation, it is projected to provide close to 8,900 services to youth attending 42 schools throughout Palm Beach County. These services include oral health screenings and education, cavity prevention protection and sealant application. These are services that our children would not otherwise receive.

Furthermore, the American Academy of Pediatrics states these factors in support of early oral health practices:

- Left untreated, tooth decay can lead to infection and pain that inhibit a child's ability to eat, sleep, speak, play and learn.
- Students miss an average of more than 34 million school hours each year because of acute/unplanned dental care.
- Dental disease is often accompanied by other chronic childhood comorbidities such as diabetes, heart disease and food insecurity/malnourishment.

United Way of Palm Beach County and the Department of Health- Palm Beach are committed to promoting health and wellness in our community and will look forward to this partnership with Palm Beach County. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information in support of this project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Seth Bernstein

Seth B. Benstein, Psy.D. Executive Vice President of Community Investments United Way of Palm Beach County Dr. Gunta Jyothi Günta? MB5,4MPH Director

Florida Department of Health- Palm Beach

Cc: Reginald Duren, Assistant County Administrator Jason Crosby, FDO Deputy Director