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Tooth Ferry Update

1/11/18





Description

- 2017 Freightliner Chassis:
 - Unit equipped with:
 - ADEC Dental Equipment;
 - Nomad (hand-held) x-ray unit;
 - Bump-out walls;
 - Automatic leveling system;
 - Wheel-chair lift;
 - Ceiling mounted televisions (above each chair);
 - Sound system.
- Technology: Patch panel, internal antenna wiring, and Dexhub allow for connecting with software and complete x-rays in real time within the community.
- Unit delivered in December 2016.





Staffing

The Tooth Ferry team includes:

Dentist (Director of Dental Practice)

Tooth Ferry Coordinator

Dental Hygienist

Dental Assistant

Tooth Ferry Driver (and backup driver)





Objectives

The goal of the Tooth Ferry is to complete 1,500 encounters per year, visiting up to eight (8) schools. (The team has completed 59 encounters this year.)

2017/2018 Schedule:

- Merrick Moore
- Burton
- R.N. Harris
- Bethesda
- Eastway
- Glenn
- W.G. Pearson

Public Health Hygienist screens up to 8,000 students in elementary schools. (This year, we have screened 5,201.)

When the Tooth Ferry does not go out, the team will be expected to work within the clinic.





Issues

- There have been numerous mechanical issues (covered under warranty) including vehicle just being in for bump out (2nd time) and adjusting wiring for leveling system.
- Replace U-bolt missing in one area of the frame;
- Draft shaft adjusted;
- Repair to bump out switch so for engagement inside unit;
- Initial generator service.

LifeLine has taken care of major repairs thus far.

- IT team has been out to address/test connectivity issues.
- Complexity of vehicle has required multiple trainings for the operators. (LifeLine has provided the team more than it typically provides its customers.)
- Smiles Van continues to convince schools to utilize their services.
- TF Coordinator often assisted in the clinic mid-October – December to cover DA.





Next Steps

- Vehicle has had been in the shop to repair bump out and leveling system, and we are awaiting confirmation of next schools (Holt or R. N. Harris).
- Dental Director and Deputy to meet with Dr. Kendra O’Neal, newly appointed in DPS Hospital School.
- Re-evaluate dental contracts, staffing, etc.
- Report back to the Board by end of Fiscal Year.



QUESTIONS??



Thank You!



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