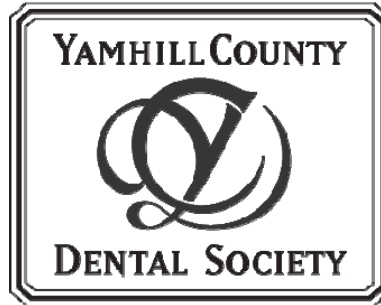


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The Yamhill County Dental Society debuts 2-year work plan Will begin screening all school-aged children for dental health care issues for free!

(McMinnville) - The Yamhill County Dental Society is a relatively new not-for-profit organization founded on the principles of philanthropy and community service. Dental Society members hold strong beliefs in the need to screen and treat community members who are suffering from poor oral health and do not have the ability to pay for the treatment they need. These strong and commonly-held beliefs led to the formation of the Society in September 2009, with subsequent not-for-profit status obtained in October 2009. Members of the society are skilled oral health practitioners with a myriad of specialties available to treat community members with poor oral health. The members, through their commonly held beliefs and strong commitment to service, have determined that a work plan is essential to help guide the Society's work efforts over the next two years.

The Society's Board of Directors currently includes Dr. Mark Miller, Dr. Todd Hyder, Dr. Randy Heiman and Dr. Marvin Johnson. The President is Dr. Mark Miller. Dr. Miller has been a general practitioner for 32 years and owns/operates Carlton Dental. Dr. Todd Hyder is vice-president and has practiced as a general practitioner in McMinnville for 7 years. Dr. Randy Heiman is secretary/treasurer and has practiced endodontics in McMinnville for 5 years. Oral Surgeon Dr. Marvin Johnson has practiced in McMinnville for 23 years and is the "at-large" board member.

Society members believe that good oral health is critical to achieving good overall health for every community member. Dr. Miller believes strongly that, "Prevention of future disease is the hallmark of any good intervention plan, and the Dental Society is committed to preventing dental caries and poor oral health in the people of Yamhill County – especially for those cannot afford it." Dr. Miller also said that, "This work plan is just the starting point for a shared vision of prevention, screening, treatment, and education resulting in a healthier Yamhill County for years to come."

The most important part of the Dental Society's aggressive plan is to screen all school-aged children to assess their dental health needs. Dr. Miller notes that, "This is not an easy goal to achieve, but school-aged children need good oral health to be successful in school and in life." The first steps of the plan are to perform a free screening to all 4th

grade school-aged children in every school district in Yamhill County. At the screening events, kids will be screened for dental health issues, and provided a “report card” for their parents. Children with significant dental health issues, and who do not have access to dental health care, will be provided with options to have their dental health issues reviewed and treated.

The Dental Society will be meeting with the Yamhill Carlton and Dayton school districts at the beginning of October to get the program started. Future meetings with other school districts are planned throughout October and November. “We hope to speak to all of the School Boards and Superintendents throughout the fall to have the screening project completed by the end of the school year” said Dr. Miller. “We feel it is that important.”

If you have any questions about this press release, or would like more information about the Yamhill County Dental Society, please contact Dr. Mark Miller at 503-852-7147.

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