

**Morrow county Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee Meeting
Upper Conference Room, Bartholomew Building
Heppner, Oregon
October 22, 2024**

Call to Order

4:00 p.m.

Roll Call and Introductions

Online roll call: Judy Gabriel, Tom Roberts, Jodi Ferguson, Angie Short, Dr. Michael Metzler

In Person: Tamara Beardsley, Adam McCabe, Eric Chick, Kristin Bowles, Matthew Jensen, Emily Roberts, Valerie Ballard, Robin Canaday

Business Items

Robin Canaday, Morrow County Public Health Director read the Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee objective

Meeting Schedule

The committee meets quarterly: October, January, April, and July alternating locations between the North and South ends of the County. Meetings will be in person and attending by Zoom will be available. To accommodate work schedules, meetings will be at 6 p.m. and the next meeting is planned for January 21 in Irrigon.

Provider Reports

Written Provider reports were reviewed. Morrow County Health District (MCHD) provided a summary in their report. MCHD is working on getting staffing complete while running full time with Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and part time paramedics. Response times for September were all 5 minutes or under and dispatch to enroute times were 1 minute or less. Emily Roberts, Chief Executive Officer of MCHD, asked to note that a false rumor was circulating on Facebook about response times and thinks the confusion stemmed from a first responder living in Boardman. Eric Chick who was on call as a fire responder corroborated this.

Boardman Fire Rescue District submitted a written report with call by call detail.

Ambulance Service Plan Review

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has requested updates to the response time map with some response time areas shortened. They recommended waiting until the ASA Advisory Committee is established and then creating a sub-committee with representatives from each provider and assistance from the County GIS technician.

Good of the Order

The question was raised how the committee will know about calls of concern. Ms. Roberts provided the example of the Emergency Medical Service Trauma Board with Good Shepherd, which is protected by law as peer review and exceeds HIPA regulations. Matthew Jensen,

Morrow County Administrator, added that the Ambulance Service Plan (ASP) reflects that process.

Public Comment

Jodi Ferguson asked that response times are provided to the public and included in future meeting packets.

Tom Roberts requested final ASPs and maps are distributed to committee members.

Adjourn

5:04 p.m.