

To the Board of Directors for Morrow County Health District,

On 3/10/2023, the EMS Advisory Committee unanimously voted to make the MCHD Board aware of concerns that the EMS Advisory Committee has regarding the proposed repeal of Ordinance MC-C-4-98 in the hopes that the MCHD Board will share these concerns with the Morrow County Board of Commissioners.

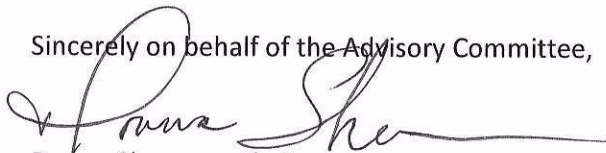
Upon review of Ordinance MC-C-4-98, Section 12 (3) was of particular interest. Section 12 (3) reads: "Upon arrival of the Ambulance Service Provider at the location of the medical emergency, the Ambulance Service Provider shall be in charge of, and responsible for, the continuation of emergency medical services. The initial responder shall continue to provide emergency medical services only at the direction of the Ambulance Service Provider."

During this, and past EMS Advisory Committee QA Executive Sessions, we have reviewed charts and written documents with respect to calls in which both Boardman Fire Rescue District and Morrow County Health District responded. While reviewing these documents, we have noticed a pattern of patient care concerns, patient and EMS safety concerns, and liability concerns.

Based on documentation reviewed, there has been a pattern of patient care interference, unauthorized continuation of care, disregard for patient safety and comfort, and disregard for patient privacy while already in the care of another medical professional. Additionally, there has been a pattern of refusing to assist MCHD EMS when asked, and refusal to step away or stand down once directed by MCHD EMS personnel.

The EMS Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the MCHD Board share this letter with the Morrow County BOC recommending that the Morrow County BOC not repeal Ordinance MC-C-4-98 and the Committee further requests that the Morrow County BOC allow the Quality Assurance process spelled out in the current ASA Plan to continue. The next steps of this process include a hearing before the MCHD Board on May 12, 2023.

Sincerely on behalf of the Advisory Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Sherman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donna Sherman, Chair

4/7/2023