



# NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Committee

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## MEETING RECORD

**December 22, 2022**  
**1:30 PM ET**

**Attending** – Eric Hicken (NJ), Marc Minkler (ME), David Harden (AZ), Adam Rodriguez (AZ), Travis Ribby (Ferno), Kevin Gallagher, Mark Roberts (EMS Solutions), Rich Perl (EMS Solutions), Patrick Wilson (EMS Solutions), Anna Sessa (NH), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), John McDonald (GSA), Erica Kane (WI), Jaime Bartell (SD), Rachael Ford (OR), Jim Green (Intrepid Solutions), Dr. Marilyn Bull (Children’s Hospital at Indiana University), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Megan Petrucelli (CT), Samantha Mishra (MI), Stefanie Zucker (Pediatric Medical)

For NASEMSO: Rachael Alter, Mary Hedges, Alex Tyeryar

**Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions** – Eric Hicken, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM ET.

**Review and Approve October 27th Meeting Record (attached)**– A motion was made by David Harden to approve the meeting record as submitted; seconded by Patrick Wilson. Motion passed.

### **Pediatric Transport Products for Ground Ambulances List – Retire or Update?**

<https://nasemsso.org/wp-content/uploads/Pediatric-Transport-Products-for-Ground-Ambulances.pdf>

[NASEMSO Board of Directors Response to Committee Recommendation 11-10-22](#) – Eric Hicken reported that he brought the Committee’s recommendation to sunset the product list to the NASEMSO Board of Directors at its November 10th meeting. After discussion about the pros and cons of the product list, the Board asked that the state EMSC managers first be polled about their use of the list before a decision was made.

[Survey of EMSC Managers](#) – Marc Minkler shared the results of the survey of the EMSC managers from all the states and territories (PEC Council) regarding their use of the pediatric transport product list. The survey elicited a 61% response rate. The majority of respondents (17) reported that their state utilized the pediatric transport product list, whereas 15 reported they did not use the list. Those responding affirmatively reported using it as a reference resource for EMS agencies seeking information on pediatric

transport products. Many of the respondents (12) said it would be detrimental to sunset the list as they would have nothing to give their EMS agencies who request the information. [Board of Directors Action, 12-15-22](#) – Marc Minkler presented these survey results to the NASEMSO Board of Directors at the December 15th meeting. They were impressed by the extent of the use of the list and after extensive discussion, voted that NASEMSO continue to produce and update it. They commented that there may be the need for criteria to be included on the list, but that is a determination for the STC Committee to recommend.

Stefani Zucker questioned if it is possible to return to the Board and ensure they understand the reason the Committee voted to sunset it. Eric Hicken and Marc Minkler assured her that these concerns were previously shared with the Board in November.

Anna Sessa asked if we can insert language such as, “This document does not represent the opinion of NASEMSO, the PEC Council or its members.” She also suggested that NASEMSO develop a form and or website where manufacturers can enter certain information.

David Harden suggested consulting an attorney for NASEMSO about the disclaimer language.

Kevin Gallager acknowledged that he had background in developing and marketing similar products; he advised that regardless of how NASEMSO words the disclaimer, it will be seen as pro forma by manufacturers, and they will refer to the list from NASEMSO when marketing their products. He suggested removing NASEMSO’s name from the document. Others suggested this may not help if NASEMSO posts the document on its website.

Eric suggested forming a small subgroup to determine criteria for products to be included or excluded. He also asked about consulting with someone from NASEMSO who could advise as to whether imposing criteria would be appropriate. Mary offered to arrange a meeting with Dia Gainor to discuss the matter.

**Crash Test Project Funding Update** – Rachael Alter reported that NASEMSO is discussing the project with NHTSA. NASEMSO is moving forward with developing the project.

### **Federal Partner Updates**

Dave Bryson said NHTSA Office of EMS is in fact moving forward with NASEMSO on the crash test project. They are working with NHTSA Office of Occupant Protection who has the expertise in this area.

John McDonald reported that all three of the ambulance standards that GSA had been developing are now published and in effect.

**Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM ET.

**Next Meeting** – February 23, 2022

*The meeting record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.*