

## NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Ad Hoc Committee

## MEETING RECORD

May 24, 2017 1:00 PM EDT

Attending – Eric Hicken, Chair (NJ), Tom Downey (EVS), Tim Wells (Ferno), Jacob Cartner (Ferno), Stephanie Busch (VT), Brandon Kelley (WY), Katherine Dixon Hert (AL), John McDonald (GSA), Jim Green (NIOSH), Elena Sierra (AAMS), Amy Haughn (AAMS), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Sandy Sinclair (NHTSA), Dan Sjoquist (Serenity), Tom Winkler (PA), Carolina Roberts-Santana (RI), Rachael Ford (OR), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

**Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions** – Eric Hicken, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM EDT.

**Review and Approve April 19th Meeting Record** – The meeting record was approved without changes.

## **New Members Self-Introduction**

<u>Tom Downey, Emergency Vehicle Seating (EVS)</u>, introduced himself, saying he is new to the EMS industry. He has been with EVS for 2 years. He is managing the company and learning the industry. His brother is a medic in South bend, Indiana, and he has spoken to him about transporting pediatric patients.

<u>Tim Wells, Director of Product Management, Ferno</u>, has been at Ferno for 26 years and is currently responsible for pediatric products. He worked with Jim Green earlier in crash testing, prior to Sailesh.

<u>Jacob Cartner, Engineering Manager, Ferno</u>, said he is relatively new in the EMS industry and has been at Ferno for one and a half years. His previous career was in medical devices.

**Pediatric Product Comparison Revised** – Stephanie Busch reviewed the spreadsheet which was slightly revised based on the discussion at the previous meeting with the disclaimer added at the top. Eric emphasized that this is not an endorsement of any products. The spreadsheet will be distributed and posted on the NASEMSO website to help providers make decisions to purchase child restraints. She commented that providers in her state may not have child safety restraints appropriate for the various sizes of infants/children. Eric commented he frequently receives calls from providers asking what they can use, and this will be ideal to send to them.

Stephanie has accepted a position with the National EMS Data Analysis Center (NEDARC) in Utah, beginning June 1. She hopes to continue participating in the committee in her new job.

**Interim Guidance Initiative/ EMS World Expo Panel Update**– Brandon Kelly is looking for one or two volunteers to participate in the panel presentation at EMS World Expo in October in Las Vegas. They will focus on the message in the Interim Guidance. He believes there is a good chance that Jim Green will be able to participate but he is looking for at least one other speaker to join them on the panel. This session will be in the leadership track.

**Corporate Partner Initiative Discussion** – Eric reported that the NASEMSO Executive Committee approved the concept of the Corporate Partner Initiative. The next step is to develop written documents to explain the initiative. Jim Green explained the intent is to begin raising private funding to lay the ground work to begin the crash testing research project.

## **Federal Partner Comments/Update** (for those with information to share)

- NHTSA Dave Bryson noted that the EMS Safety Council will be holding a meeting at the EMS World Expo the day following Brandon's panel presentation. He encouraged the STC group to join in the EMS Safety Council meeting. Sandy Sinclair said there is a national organization of child safety seats that we should probably contact. It is known as the Manufacturers Alliance for Child Passenger Safety (MACPS). Sandy will identify a contact for the organization.
- EMSC Theresa Morrison-Quinata was not able to join the call. Eric noted that
  Theresa has previously informed EMSC managers that FY 2017 EMSC funding has
  been restored and the state grantees will be receiving the remainder of their
  awards.
- **GSA** John McDonald said they have incorporated all the SAE standards in the K specifications though their change notice process.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

**Next Meeting** – June 15

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