



NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Committee

MINUTES

February 27, 2020

In Attendance – Amanda Perry (LA); Charlie Vits (IMMI); Cyndy Wright Johnson (MD); Dave Bryson (NHTSA OEMS); Dia Gainor (NASEMSO); Elena Sierra (AAMS), Eric Hicken (Chair); Dr. Michael Kaufmann (IN); Kjelsey Polzin (MN); Katrina Altenhofen; Julia Vinton (AZ); Jocelyn Hulbert (HRSA EMSC); Hilary Bikowski (NASEMSO); Amy Haughn (Nationwide Children’s); Stefanie Zucker (Pediatric Medical); Sam Mishra (MI); Patrick Wilson (Quantum EMS); John Gondek (Calspan); Kevin Gallagher (Innovative Safety Solutions/ EVS Ltd); Jim Green (NASEMSO); Katherine Shafer (Vice Chair); Morgan Scaggs (KY)

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions – Eric Hicken, Chair. Call to order at 1:37p eastern.

Review and Approve October 24th Meeting Record –

K. Shafer moved; J. Green seconded. Motion passed without objection.

Self-Introductions of New Members

- Laura Dunn, NHTSA, Occupant Protection – not present. D. Bryson indicated that Laura is replacing Mr. Sandy Sinclair in NHTSA’s Occupant Protection Division and she will join us when she’s available to do so.
- Cameron Curtis, CEO, Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) – not present
- Julia Vinton – Arizona EMSC Program Manager
- Dr. Samantha Mishra – Michigan EMSC Program Manager

Pediatric Product List, Request from EMS Solutions

There is a request to add a new project to the list. Determined last year that we would just update it yearly (at the Annual Meeting). Agreement that the document will still only be updated annually.

Cyndy – getting questions about NASEMSO’s crash standards (products are identifying that they “meet or exceed NASEMSO guidelines”). Concern that these statements are misleading. Should NASEMSO reach out to these companies and discuss that the use of this phrase is inappropriate?

Motion: “Exceeding NASEMSO Guidelines” language should be removed from marketing materials.

Discussion: Removing that language may devalue the Committee and NASEMSO’s work. The weight range is really the only thing you can “meet” or “exceed”. The language in marketing materials should be more specific to what part of the guidelines they “exceed”. Tabling this discussion for April. Eric asked that the group think about this concept and what we can do to move forward.

ACTION: Requests for additions/changes to the pediatric product list should be sent for updates to be approved in June.

Safe Transport Project Update and Discussion – Jim Green, Dia Gainor

Dia – Internal Project Team meeting every other week. Have stood up the funding workgroup – have found dead ends as well as discovering new leads. At the last NEMSAC meeting Dia presented on this project, and the members were enthusiastic. Dia’s assessment that they are leaning towards sending a letter to the Secretary of Transportation to raise her awareness on this issue (so not just within NHTSA but other Administrations that may have expertise/interest in helping us). Will know more about the recommendation at their next meeting in April.

Jim – Funding is our biggest hurdle right now. We have a well-constructed program; with more than 50 associations/organizations providing support. Building relationships with organizations with like-minded interests. Cold calling to foundations has had little success. Trying to work with already established relationships – e.g., partnering with children’s hospitals. Encourage everyone on this committee to reach out to Jim with any questions as they relate to funding.

Amy Haughn – will look for foundation contacts at Nationwide Children’s. Jim offered to visit if they need an in-person meeting. Jim identified Dr. Carol Cunningham as a contact in Ohio as well.

Recommendation that we provide a list of potential contacts to also identify those that have already been contacted and those who may have already turned us down. Asking people to spread this word and see who we can connect with (sometimes even an unlikely source may have grant programs that aren’t obvious on their web portal).

ACTION: NASEMSO will figure out a way to share the current spreadsheet that the Project Team is using to track potential funding sources.

Federal Partner Comments/Updates

- RAND Study: Economic Benefit of Improved Ambulance Design
 - Jim – report covers three different topics only one of which deals with ambulance work. The report identifies a cost savings with the new safety standards. The report can be found [here](#).
- Elena (AAMS) Pediatric Sim Competition will be at their conference this year. Contact Elena if you’re interested.
- No Partner updates

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 2:31pm eastern

Next Meeting – April 23, 1:30p eastern

Minutes submitted by Rachael Alter, NASEMSO Program Manager