



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

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## MEETING RECORD

**November 23, 2016**

**1:00 PM EST**

**Attending** - Eric Hicken, Chair, Dr. Marilyn Bull (Riley Hospital for Children at IU), Katherine Hert (AL), Elena Sierra (AAMS), John McDonald (GSA), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Sailesh Tangirala (Ferno), Theresa Morrison Quinata (EMSC), Matthew Maltese (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia), Brandon Kelly (WY), Sandy Sinclair (NHTSA), Teresa Merk (AAMS), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Carolina Roberts-Santana (RI), Suzanne Prentiss (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

**Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions** – Eric Hicken called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm EST.

**Review and Approve October 20th Meeting Record** – The October meeting record was approved as submitted.

**Member Spotlight** - Teresa Merk, Clinical Director, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Transport Team; Chair, AAMS Critical Care Ground Special Interest Group (SIG). Teresa has been a nurse for 33 years and in the air medical industry for 22 years. The topic of safe transport of kids has long been an interest of hers. She noted that AAMS works closely with CAMTS (Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems). There is a huge gap in patient safety in local EMS. She is aware that kids are still being transported on parents' laps in ambulances.

**Corporate Outreach Initiative Update** – Tom Winkler was not in attendance but conveyed that next month he will present to the committee a draft letter intended to solicit corporate partners.

**Interim Guidance Initiative Update**– Brandon Kelly reported that he initially created a rough draft of a statement for the small group to review. The intent is to develop a practical tool providing direction on transporting children until the crash testing studies are completed in the long-term. The draft has been placed on Google Drive for folks to review and suggest edits although some have been unable to access it. A meeting of the small group is scheduled for further work on the draft.

**Federal Partner Comments/Update**

- **NHTSA** – Dave Bryson reported that the RCIP team has not met for a while, but he submitted the draft statement to the team members. It will need to go to the federal partners next. His goal is to have a draft to share with the committee at the December meeting.
- **EMSC** – Tee Morrison-Quinata said she and Dave Bryson reviewed a report from the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) regarding the infographic developed with the help of a focus group comprised of members of this committee. The infographic is intended to be a visual reminder to secure children in the ambulance. She also reported that they had a strategic planning meeting recently, and the contractor may be contacting some of the committee members for feedback. The Atlas Researchers or the Deloitte Group may be contacting committee members.
- **NIOSH** – Jim Green was not available to report. Dave Bryson asked if, before the next meeting, Jim Green could provide an update regarding the status of any possible funding from the DHS First Responder Group for the crash testing project. Mary stated that Jim had recently informed her that he had no further information but expected DHS to issue a Request for Proposal in 2017.
- **GSA** - John McDonald briefly reported on last month's meeting of the NFPA 1917 Ambulance Standards Technical Committee where they focused on refurbished ambulance vehicles. He offered to arrange for the NFPA staff liaison to present at the next meeting.

**Discussion of Future Meeting Schedule** - Mary asked if the members want to continue the same meeting schedule for next year. Meetings alternated between the 4th Wednesday (odd-numbered months) and the 3rd Thursday (even-numbered months) to accommodate the many conflicts members had. Several said it worked well and recommended continuing it. Mary will send everyone the 2017 meeting schedule and reminded members that it will be available on the committee webpage at <https://www.nasemso.org/Committees/STC/Meeting-Records.asp>

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM EST.

**Next Meeting** – December 15

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