

NASEMSO Council and Committee Reports

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Agency and Vehicle Licensure Committee (AVL)

The Agency and Vehicle Licensure Committee (AVL) met in January, and twice in March 2017. A subcommittee formed in September at the annual meeting to work on the vehicle inspection process has provided the background information, research, and framework for the Committee's current work on a model process for inspecting ambulances. An in-person work session at the AVL meeting in New Orleans was significant in moving the preparatory work now towards an actual first draft of this document. An additional work session has been scheduled via go-to-meeting for April 20, 2017 to begin the process of developing the model ambulance rules, using the same structure as was used for the inspection process. The next project will be the model investigation process rules. The larger group will meet on April 27, 2017. The committee's overall work plan has been updated and website caught up to date.

Trauma Managers Council

Carole Mays RN will be attending the April 18 and 19, 2018 “Achieving Zero Preventable Deaths” Systems Conference at the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland. I will share any information acquired from the Trauma Manager Council which was disseminated to you at the annual meeting. Carole will give an update on the April meeting at the next NASEMSO Board meeting.

Safe Transport of Children (STC) Ad Hoc Committee

April 7, 2017

The Safe Transport of Children Committee has been meeting monthly for approximately 16 months. We have a committed and multi-organizational membership which includes federal partners, industry partners and researchers, in addition to the core group of NASEMSO members. Last month the NASEMSO Board approved the STC Committee's Interim Guidance for the Safe Transport of Children by EMS. A press release was issued and the topic was the subject of a JEMS editorial by A.J. Heightman. This has been posted/linked on NASEMSO's Facebook page and Twitter account.

<http://www.jems.com/articles/news/2017/03/nasemso-presents-interim-guidance-on-the-safe-transport-of-children-by-ems.html>

One manufacturer of a child restraint system for ambulances (Quantum EMS) has caused a bit of a stir among a few people with his marketing statement that he was the only product that met

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NASEMSO's weight guidance of 5 – 99 lbs. While this is true, the weight range guidance is not meant to rule out other products where more than one device is needed to cover the weight range. This vendor helped to get the issue before the public with his promotion in JEMS.

Our members have also been contacted to present a panel at the EMS World Expo in Las Vegas in October 2017. We are pleased with the interest being generated on this issue.

The STC Committee's long term goal is to see that crash testing research is undertaken to develop standards for ambulance child restraint systems to meet.

Eric Hicken (NJ), Chair

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