



NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Committee

MEETING RECORD

June 25, 2020
1:30 PM EDT

Attending – Eric Hicken (Chair), Stephanie Busch (VT), Mike Kulig (Calspan), Jason Hamm (First Line Technology), Rich Perl (Quantum EMS), Liz Kendrick (MO), Anna Sessa (NH), Karter Kistler (EVS), Rachel Ford (OR), Natasha Ross (AAMS), Dr. Michael Kaufmann (IN), Jacob Cartner (Ferno), Charlie Vits (IMMI), Laura Dunn (NHTSA, Occupant Protection), Stefanie Zucker (Pediatric Medical), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD), Katrina Altenhofen, Kevin Gallagher (Innovative Safety Solutions), David Harden (AZ), Dr. Marilyn Bull (Riley Children’s at IU), Jim Green (Intrepid Solutions), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Rachael Alter (NASEMSO), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Jocelyn Hulbert (HRSA, EMSC)

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

Review and Approve April 23rd Meeting Record (attached)– Minutes were approved as submitted.

Self-Introductions of New Members – Mary Hedges noted that Natasha Ross is replacing Elena Sierra from the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS). Natasha was welcomed to the Committee.

REVISED 2020 National EMS Assessment (pp 93-96, states requiring pediatric transport devices) www.nasemso.org/2020-assessment – Rachael Alter pointed out that the information was revised in the National EMS Assessment regarding states requiring the use of pediatric transport devices in ambulances. After receiving inquiries about some information previously reported, she followed up with several state offices of EMS to ensure the report reflected accurate information on this topic.

National Child Passenger Safety Board (seeking EMS applicants) – Laura Dunn is from NHTSA’s Office of Occupant Protection. She manages the Child Passenger Safety Board, and they are currently looking for a member from EMS or Fire. Applications close July 31st. They interview applicants (virtually). The term would begin in May of 2021. The applications are available online at <https://www.cpsboard.org/board-membership/>.

Pediatric Transport Work Group Report (see attached recommendations from Jim Green) – Cyndy Wright-Johnson reported on the work group’s activities regarding possible

revisions to the Pediatric Transport Product list. The work group concluded that expanding the list or adding columns would not improve it, as it is already confusing to EMS providers that do not understand the 5 categories by which it is organized. The work group also felt that adding information about testing was not advisable without lengthy explanations of the different testing standards used. Instead the group is proposing minor revisions to the 2017 Interim Guidance.

Jim Green agreed with Cyndy's summation. He added that any information about testing would probably not help the end user of the list because they would not have the technical knowledge to determine what is adequate testing. Kevin Gallagher said they attempted to summarize testing descriptions but realized that was not possible without adding to the confusion. Jim explained the proposed revisions to the Interim Guidance, as well as a minor modification to the disclaimer on the Pediatric Product list. Those changes recommended for the Interim Guidance include:

- Remove the sentence about using the litters when testing (not necessary and very costly)
- Add the 3 types of testing recommended: seating pediatric, supine pediatric, supine and prone neonate (Dr. Bull requested adding prone to the neonate testing).
- Reorder two of the paragraphs.

Action: Charlie Vits moved/ Stephanie Busch seconded that these recommendations be referred to the Pediatric Emergency Care Council for discussion and recommendations. The motion passed without objection.

Pediatric Product Spreadsheet Update – Eric Hicken noted that we update the list annually. Cyndy Wright-Johnson added that the work group asked if products no longer being manufactured should be retained on the list. Eric suggested an asterisk be added to those no longer in production. David Harden asked if we know if any of the products have been recalled. Charlie Vits said registration cards attached to car seats serve the purpose of the manufacturer being able to notify the purchaser if the product is no longer in compliance with federal standards, but there are no standards for these devices being used in ambulances. Kevin noted that these products are sold to the ambulance services, and the end user may change. He added that they had tried this with the product with which he was involved, but it was very challenging to get the cards returned and track the ownership of the product. Cyndy suggested referring this to NHTSA, possibly Dr. Krohmer or Laura Dunn from NHTSA Occupant Protection. There needs to be a home for tracking this information.

Eric asked how to determine what products need to be added to/removed from the list. Mary said we could email the manufacturers to ask if they have any changes to their products listed. She also noted that we had been contacted by EMS Solutions with its request to be added to the list. The current list is available at this link:

<https://nasemso.org/wp-content/uploads/Pediatric-Transport-Products-for-Ground-Ambulances-v2.1.pdf>

Safe Transport Project Update – Dia Gainor reported that the STC funding project has been in a bit of a hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also shared that she was contacted by a Senate Transportation staffer about funding for NEMSIS during the mark up of the Transportation funding bill. Dia offered the Senate staffer additional information about the STC project. The staffer commented that in her regular interactions on child restraint issues with the American Academy of Pediatrics and Safe Kids, she had never heard of this issue. Dia subsequently contacted Safe Kids and the National Safety Council to arrange further discussion. She noted that Laura Dunn is very involved in these groups to on the matter of child passenger restraint. Dr. Marilyn Bull offered to request help from the AAP on lobbying for financial support from Congress. She said they are very aware and supportive of this need. Cyndy agreed that Sue Tellez who works for the AAP is aware of the NASEMSO effort. Dr. Bull said she would be happy to address this further with AAP leadership if she had direction from this committee.

Action: Jim Green moved/David Harden seconded that the STC Committee support Dr. Marilyn Bull in her efforts to engage AAP’s leadership and lobbyists in requesting federal funding for testing of child transport devices used in ambulances. The motion passed without opposition.

David Harden asked if the Committee would like him to contact Professor Hodge at the University of Arizona school of law regarding the issue of liability and recalls of pediatric transport products. Mary Hedges suggested this inquiry could be helpful, but NASEMSO may not be able to undertake a new project at this time without new funding.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM EDT.

Next Meeting – August 27th

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