



NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Ad Hoc Committee

MEETING RECORD

November 15, 2017
1:00 PM EST

Attending – Eric Hicken (NJ), Katherine Schafer (NM), Jim Green (NIOSH), Tracy Brim (FL), Mike Kulig (Calspan), Bill Horn (Calspan), Teresa Merk (AAMS), Elena Sierra (AAMS), Katherine Dixon Hert (AL), Brandon Kelley (WY), Sandy Sinclair (NHTSA), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD), Phil Holt (Nationwide Children’s Hospital), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Tracy Cleary (KS), John McDonald (GSA)

Call to Order, Welcome – Eric Hicken, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM EST.

Review and Approve October 11th Meeting Record (attached) – The October 11th meeting record was approved as submitted.

New Member Self-Introductions

- **Tracy Brim (FL)** – Tracy is the new EMSC Program Manager from Florida.
- **Bill Horn (Calspan)** - Bill is the engineering manager at Calspan, a testing facility in Buffalo, New York. They have done most of the child safety seat testing and are very familiar with FMVSS 213.
- **Mike Kulig (Calspan)** – Mike is the business unit director at Calspan.
- **Phil Holt** – Phil explained he was referred by Amy Haughn and is the transportation manager at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

Report on EMS World Panel Presentation

<https://www.nasemso.org/Committees/STC/index.asp>

Jim Green said there were 40-50 people at the panel presentation. He and Dr. Marilyn Bull followed up by talking with vendors in the exhibit hall. He received interest from VFIS who is interested in participating in some capacity. Brandon reported he was able to interact with many interested people at the meeting and was able to get to know the new Baby Pod, which is much improved from the older version.

Update on Corporate & State Partner Initiative

- **New Jersey Highway Safety Grant** – Eric Hicken reported that he continues to check on the status of the grant application, which is still undergoing review. He is getting encouraging feedback; has heard they are going to fund it but does not know the amount they will fund. He requested \$150,000.
- **EMSC Partnership Grants** – Cyndy Wright-Johnson said that state EMSC program managers are now writing their state partnership grants, which will provide \$130,000 per year for four years. The grant applications must be submitted by January 8. She

previously expressed interest in exploring the possibility of including the safe transport initiative in the grant. Performance Measure 3 deals with EMS providers using pediatric equipment correctly. Inter-facility transport guidelines is another performance measure that Tracy Cleary previously pointed out as a possibility. Cyndy said she is receiving a consistent message from HRSA that the \$130,000 per year for each state partnership grant will not be guaranteed but may be reduced due to Congressional action. Tee Morrison Quinata has informed them that the decision will be up to the grant reviewers as to what activities are funded. Once the state applicant sets goals for the four-year grant period, they can change the activities, but not the goals. Cyndy added that for those who could contribute to the STC initiative, they must be ready to eliminate that contribution if their funding is reduced. Cyndy believes that the grant could be used for travel to meetings of the STC initiative. Cyndy suggested the possibility of the state EMSC office hosting a meeting of the STC initiative. Tracy Cleary added that she felt developing a work plan might be a way of including the STC initiative in their grant applications. She said providers are craving information on safely transporting children. She is on her 7th workshop in 6 months. Jim Green expressed his concern about each state hosting a meeting of the STC initiative as that is not the need. Mary agreed, noting that the major costs in the project involve crash testing time and wages. Cyndy is concerned that the grant reviewers may not want to fund states to subcontract with NASEMSO to manage the project. She also added that if reviewers do not want to fund a particular activity, they typically ask the applicant to change it. Jim Green said he believes HRSA EMSC would really like to see this initiative funded, but they do not control the grant reviewers.

- **Corporate Offers** – Mary Hedges reported that Tom Downey, from EVS, has offered to provide an annual contribution plus donate seating for testing. Jim Green added that Stryker has a grant program to which NASEMSO can apply. The information is being sent to him. Phil Holt asked if we have approached the major cot manufacturers. He said there are primarily two manufacturers of incubators used for transport and the main one is International Biomedical (Austin, TX).

Federal Partner Comments/Update – There were no federal partner updates.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM EST.

Next Meeting – (No meeting in December) **January 17, 2018**

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