



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

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### MEETING RECORD

**January 17, 2018**  
**1:00 PM EST**

**Attending** – Eric Hicken, Chair (NJ), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Angie Poorman (PA), David Edwards (VA), Carolina Roberts-Santana (RI), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Sarah O’Donnell (HRSA EMSC), Elena Sierra (AAMS), Cyndy Wright Johnson (MD), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Peter McHugh (Quantum EMS), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Jim Green, Katrina Altenhofen (EMS volunteer), Mike Kulig (Calspan), Bill Horn (Calspan), Teresa Merk (AAMS), Dr. Marilyn Bull (Riley Children’s Hospital at IU), Sandy Sinclair (NHTSA), Dan Sjoquist (Serenity Safety), John McDonald (GSA), Jacob Cartner (Ferno), Stephanie Busch (NEDARC), Katherine Schafer (NM)

**Call to Order, Welcome** – Eric Hicken, Chair, called the meeting reorder at 1:05 PM EST.

**Review and Approve November 15th Meeting Record** – The November 15th meeting record was approved with the addition of Katrina Altenhofen as an attendee.

#### **New Member Self-Introductions**

- Peter McHugh, VP, Quantum EMS, introduced himself. He is the Vice President of Quantum EMS and has been in EMS for a number of years.

#### **Update on Corporate & State Partner Initiative**

- **New Jersey Highway Safety Grant: GOOD NEWS** – Eric Hicken announced that the grant application he submitted to NJ Office of Highway Safety’s Traffic Records Coordinating Committee was verbally approved for the full amount requested (\$150,000). He is very pleased, especially that they have indicated that it could become a multi-year project. He now is awaiting approval in writing and the next steps of subcontracting with NASEMSO. He hopes to have the subcontract in place by July or August. Dia suggested that his grant could be replicated in other states through their highway safety offices. Jim Green asked if this money will carry over in successive years. Dave Bryson congratulated Eric and said he believes the funding is non-severable and could be carried over multiple years. Eric said his colleague Tim Seplaki, EMS data manager, was instrumental as Tim has served on the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee over the years and formed good relationships with their highway safety colleagues.

- **EMSC Partnership Grants** – Cyndy Wright-Johnson reported that the states and territories have submitted their EMSC grants and are waiting to see what is funded. Eric said he included the STC project in his state’s grant proposal and he is aware of another state that included it. Cyndy said she had funding left in her current grant to utilize before March, if the parties want to meet before the New Jersey grant funds are available. Jim Green said he thinks it would be helpful to meet and discuss how the funding will be handled to reassure potential contributors. Dia responded that NASEMSO has extensive experience in handling federal dollars. She offered the NASEMSO office for interested parties to meet and confer with NASEMSO financial officers. Mary clarified that the need would be for travel funding for interested parties to attend the meeting at NASEMSO headquarters. Cyndy agreed this would be possible.
- **Corporate Offers** – Mary Hedges reported that Tom Downey, from EVS, has offered to make an annual contribution plus supply seating for testing. Dan Sjoquist (Serenity Safety Products) said they are willing to offer Guardian Seats for the testing and will support the testing process.
- **Update from Project Manager** – Jim Green reported that he will be meeting with VFIS (Volunteer Fireman’s Insurance Service) tomorrow in York, Pennsylvania, to discuss how they can partner on this project. VFIS is a leading insurer of volunteer EMS agencies. Next Thursday he will be attending the SAE Truck Committee in Washington, DC (who published the ambulance standards). They have offered him time to speak on the STC project. He will be in DC next Thursday and is willing to meet at NASEMSO headquarters to work on the next grant (deadline is January 31). Stryker also has a grant application but he will need assistance from NASEMSO. Mary indicated she would request assistance since she will be out of the country until the end of the month. Jim also inquired if there would be unspent monies available for the project as state fiscal years wind down? Jim Green clarified that the work he has been doing to seek support has not been paid by NIOSH but has been completed on his personal time.

**Federal Partner Comments/Update** (for those with information to share)

- **NHTSA** – Dave Bryson said that he has arranged a meeting next Thursday for Jim Green to meet with Steve Summers from the office of Structures and Restraints, another office in NHTSA (on the vehicle side). Dave said he believes this may be the appropriate office in NHTSA that could potentially offer support for this project.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM EST.

**Next Meeting – February 15, 2018**

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