



NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Ad Hoc Committee

MEETING RECORD

April 19, 2017
1:00 PM EDT

Attending – Katherine Schafer (NM), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Rachel Ford (OR), Theresa Merk (AAMS), Elena Sierra (AAMS), Amy Haughn (AAMS), Stephanie Busch (VT), Brandon Kelly (WY), Teresa Morrison-Quinata (EMSC), Jim Green (NIOSH), Sailesh Tangirala (Ferno), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Tom Winkler (PA), Sandy Sinclair (NHTSA), Matthew Maltese (Philadelphia Children’s Hospital), Dan Sjoquist (Serenity Safety Products), Sue Prentiss (NASEMSO)

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions – Katherine Schafer, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM EDT.

Review and Approve March 7th Meeting Record – The March 7th meeting record was approved with a wording change requested by Dr. Bull in reference to a curriculum she was revising. Dave Bryson clarified that the curriculum Dr. Bull was referring to is a product of NHTSA’s Office of Occupant Protection, the office which Sandy Sinclair represents.

Pediatric Product Comparison Draft – Stephanie Busch reviewed the spreadsheet, noting that everything in red font is new or changed. Tom Winkler added that Dr. Bull had requested that IMMI’s Safeguard be included, even though it is currently not on the market, as some providers might be using it. Stephanie said she is hesitant to add IMMI’s product because they would then need to research everything that ambulances are currently using. The intent is to provide information for EMS providers who are looking to purchase a product. The decision was made to change the title to indicate it is a list of products currently available on the on the market (as of a specific date). It was also suggested not to refer to it as a comparison of products. Jim Green recommended adding a disclaimer that these products are not being endorsed and we have no knowledge about testing. Dave Bryson also recommended clarifying that the products are not ranked by preference. Teresa Merk asked about including testing information. She also suggested adding a statement that there are no current standards for testing. Matt Maltese suggested staying silent about there being no standard. One suggestion was to add website links for readers to find testing information. It was suggested that we update the spreadsheet annually to update web links and add new information. Dan Sjoquist recommended adding a statement that crash testing should be/can be requested from the manufacturer. Jim advised not using the words requirements or standards. Stephanie also addressed Dr. Bull’s question about infant compatibility for convertible car seats. Tom suggested using the word “varies”

because there are many on the market. Matt Maltese asked why there is a specific “infant” designation rather than simply a weight range. Stephanie said this had not been pointed out before, but it may be a good suggestion. Katherine said she found the infant designation to be a reminder that infants should never be held in a person’s arms when being transported. Stephanie proposed removing the Infant Compatible Column and adding in the notes what the manufacturer’s manual indicates. Tom Winkler referenced Tee’s email about inconsistent use of child/kid. They will change wording to child. Katherine thanked everyone for their contributions. Stephanie added that they added situation 6, which is meant to be for critical care or inter-facility transport. Katherine said she is very supportive of including this category, especially given the inter-facility crash in New Mexico last year where an infant was severely injured. Stephanie explained that the 3 products listed here were already on the spreadsheet, and they simply moved them to this new category. Katherine suggested naming it something different, such as “specialty products.” Dan Sjoquist noted that he sent an email to the committee to discuss, requesting that the Guardian child seat could be used in additional situations.

Katherine thanked everyone for their contributions. The revised spreadsheet will be distributed to committee members and will be on next month’s agenda.

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

- **NHTSA** – Sandy Sinclair said he really appreciated the dialogue today and felt good compromises were reached. Dave Bryson agreed and had nothing further to report.
- **EMSC** – Tee reported she had no update for today.
- **NIOSH** – Jim said he had no update from NIOSH
- **GSA** – John McDonald was not on the call.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM EDT.

Next Meeting – May 24

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