



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

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### MEETING RECORD

**April 19, 2018**  
**1:00 PM EDT**

**Attending** – Eric Hicken (NJ), Elena Sierra (AAMS), Teresa Merk (AAMS), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Rachael Alter (NASEMSO), James Green (Intrepid Solutions), Angie Poorman (PA), John McDonald (GSA), Stephanie Busch (NEDARC), Cyndy Wight Johnson (MD), Sam Vance (EIIC), Suzanne Prentiss (NASEMSO), Katrina Altenhofen, Peter McHugh (Quantum EMS), Tracy Cleary (KS), Katherine Schafer (NM), Dan Sjoquist (Serenity Safety Products), Dave Bryson (NHTSA)

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

**Review and Approve February 15th Meeting Record** (attached) – Cyndy suggested shortening the discussion about the North Carolina ambulance crash. The meeting record was approved with the suggested change.

**Update on March 26th Special Planning Meeting** (attached) – Cyndy Wright-Johnson and Eric Hicken summarized the special planning meeting and referred to the meeting summary attached. It was a lengthy meeting where the NASEMSO management structure was explained as well as the grants submitted.

#### **Corporate & State Partner Initiative**

- **New Jersey Highway Safety Grant** – Eric Hicken reported that the New Jersey highway safety grant was not funded for this year due to federal funding challenges, but that he was invited to re-apply, which he did earlier this month. The NJ Office of Traffic Safety revised the grant criteria which actually better matches the STC project. He expects grant approval in early October. He hopes to develop an MOU with NASEMSO so that the EMS office at the NJ Department of Health, can contract with NASEMSO to carry out the project once the funding is received. The revised grant criteria also allow multi-year projects.
- **Project Manager Update** – Jim Green reported that he has been conversing with officials from Stryker in order to submit a grant application for the STC project. Once he obtains permission from the NASEMSO Executive Committee, he will submit the outline and budget to Stryker for the STC project. Jim also reached out to Bechtel Inc, a former employer, but has not heard from them. He also met with NHTSA to discuss potential support. Dia suggested that other states may want to apply to their Office of Traffic Safety using Eric's model. Mary suggested that it is

important for the EMS office to build a good relationship with their state office of traffic safety, by actively participating in their Traffic Records Coordinating Committee. The NJ EMS Office has been successful for this reason. Eric agreed that there has been a great deal of collaboration over the years between his office and the Office of Traffic Safety.

- **DHS, Science and Technology Directorate FRRG** – Jim also reported on the funding proposal for the STC project submitted 2 years ago through his involvement with the DHS First Responder Group. He learned that the group met again this week and reported on past proposals, including the STC proposal, indicating it was not funded because solutions were already available. Jim added that this is the group that funded most of the ambulance crash testing work he led through NIOSH. It was recommended that the misinformation about solutions available be corrected.
- **Corporate** - Jim recommended pursuing corporations, including Grayco and other large corporations, including insurance companies. He looked into the Walmart Community grant, which starts at \$250,000 but these are limited to 2 years in length.

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

**GSA** - John McDonald said the GSA recently issued a proposed change notice seeking public comment. The change notice would require things mounted inside the cab portion of the ambulance to be appropriately secured and stable. He said it was intended to address equipment such as shoddy consoles that break apart upon impact.

**TRB** – Dia Gainor reported that the Transportation Research Board is creating a new **Joint Subcommittee for Emergency Response and Responders**. The chair is likely to be Scott Parr, according to Dia. They will be meeting in July. This new subcommittee will provide an opportunity for funding research projects such as the STC initiative.

**Planning for May 21<sup>st</sup> STC Meeting Agenda at Annual Meeting** – Eric suggested that anyone with suggestions for agenda topics for the in-person meeting to contact Mary or him. The STC Committee will meet on Monday, May 21, 1:30 to 3:00 PM, at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM ET.