



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

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### MEETING RECORD

**May 21, 2018**

**1:15 – 2:45 PM EDT**

**NASEMSO Annual Meeting  
Providence, RI**

**Attending** – Eric Hicken (NJ), Katherine Schafer (NM), Jacob Cartner (Ferno), Jim Green (Intrepid Solutions), John McDonald (GSA), Kevin Gallagher (EVS), Stephanie Busch (NEDARC), Angie Poorman (PA), Carolina Roberts Santana (RI), Morgan Skaggs (KY), Peter McHugh (Quantum EMS), Cyndy Wright Johnson (MD), Joe Santos (TX), Norma Campbell (GA), David Edwards (VA), Gail Gibson (LA), Amanda Broussard (LA), Billie Collier (MS), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Rachel Ford (OR), Veronica Seymour (OR), Karen Moore (SC), Kari Hancock (VT), Katie Boynton (ME), Debbie Kuhn (NE), Tracy Cleary (KS), Victoria Barnes (CT), Rickey Stone (FL), Guy Dansie (UT), Gary Brown (VA), Sue Prentiss (NASEMSO), Gerard Christian (NH), Justin Romanelle (NH), Kathleen Higgins Doolen (NH), Jason Rhodes (RI), Jill D'errico (RI), Mark Van Arnam (CAAS), Ron Thackery (AMR/AAA), Kathy Wahl (MI), Carin Johnson (Saplacor), Amy Schick (Saplacor), Mary Chiesa (Saplacor), Jonathon Gondek (Calspan), Mike Kulig (Calspan), Stefani Zucker (Pediatric Medical), Justin Allen (MI), Sam Vance (EIIC), Robin Suzor (MT), Wayne Denny (ID), Rob Wronski (SC), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

**Call to Order, Welcome, Self-Introductions** – Eric Hicken, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM EDT. He asked members to introduce themselves.

**Review and Approve April 19th Meeting Record** – The April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting record was approved as submitted.

**Review of Progress to Date** – Eric reviewed the committee's progress to date. He referred attendees to the NASEMSO website for the documents completed to date, including the Interim Guidance and Pediatric Product Comparison list. In addition, an infographic was developed by NEDARC with input from several members.

**Collecting Data on Pediatric Injuries and Fatalities in Ambulance Crash** – Katherine Schafer emphasized the importance for committee and PECC members to collect information about ambulance crashes involving pediatric patients. The lack of data is hampering our efforts to justify why standards need to be developed for children in ambulances. For example, in 2016 there was a serious ambulance crash in Albuquerque with a neonate in an incubator

who was not secured in the incubator. (Note: NHTSA's investigation of the Albuquerque crash will soon be available.) Jim Green said it is very difficult to obtain data to illustrate the hazards of pediatrics being transported on ambulances. He asked members to share any information they are able to disclose on ambulance crashes involving pediatric patients. Kathy Wahl reported that Michigan developed a robust website that features crash reports.

**Project Manager Update** – Jim Green presented an overview of the goals of this project. We want to develop 3 separate test methods (standards) to address supine and seated pediatric patients, as well as neonates. There are standards which car seat manufacturers must meet for transporting children in automobiles but none for restraints for transporting children in ambulances. The test methods would define a minimum level of safety. The test method describes a step by step process for running the test. After test method(s) are developed, the next step is to have a standard setting organization publish them. We have used Society for Automotive Engineers (SAE) for the 10 test methods developed for adults in ambulances. The plan is to draft the 3 test methods during the first year. This initial effort requires \$150,000 in funding. We are hopeful that the New Jersey Highway Safety grant that Eric Hicken has submitted will produce the funding for the initial phase. NASEMSO has agreed to host this project if the funding is acquired. We also have a corporate partner (a member of this committee) who has agreed to donate \$5000 per year for 5 years to help fund this project. NASEMSO has also approved submitting a grant request to the Stryker Foundation. Kaalo, a private design and strategy business that works with Ferno, has volunteered their time to help with marketing and fundraising strategy. Jim also requested that a core group of people volunteer to help with fundraising for this project. It was suggested that product makers be asked to contribute.

Tracy Cleary suggested emailing all PEC Coordinators to recruit volunteers. Stefanie Zucker (Managing Editor, Pediatric Medical) suggested developing a hashtag to use to publicize the effort.

**New Jersey Highway Safety Grant Status** – Eric Hicken reported that he resubmitted the grant application for the project (after federal funding fell short for the prior year) and anticipates being awarded the grant (approximately \$150,000) in the fall of this year. It would then have to be contracted to NASEMSO and the first-year project could begin.

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

John McDonald said GSA has issued a change notice regarding equipment in the cab of the ambulance.

**Future Meetings** – Eric reported that the committee will now be meeting on a bimonthly basis, instead of monthly. There will be no meeting in June.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM EDT. **Next Meeting:** July 25

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