



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

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## MEETING RECORD

**August 23, 2017**  
**1:00 PM EST**

**Attending** – Eric Hicken, Chair (NJ), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Katherine Hert (AL), Carolina Roberts-Santana (RI), Rachel Ford (OR), Kris Bordnick, (Quantum EMS), Jim Green (NIOSH), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Tom Downey (EVS), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD), Katrina Altenhofen (paramedic), Jacob Cartner (Ferno), Teresa Merk (AAMS), Amy Haughn (AAMS), Lorah Ludwig (HRSA)

**Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions** – Eric Hicken, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT.

**Review and Approve July 26th Meeting Record** – The meeting record was approved as submitted.

**Pediatric Product Comparison Final** – Eric noted that the Pediatric Product Comparison spreadsheet has been finalized and will be posted on the Committee's website.

**Report from EMSC Grantee Meeting** – Eric reported that the EMSC Grantee meeting was very good with lots of helpful information provided. Lorah Ludwig said HRSA has posted a survey about the meeting and encouraged folks to complete it.

**Corporate & State Partner Initiative Planning Discussion** – Jim Green described the plan for beginning the project to develop pediatric standards if we are able to raise some start-up funding. The intent is to raise money from state EMS offices and corporate partners. Jacob Cartner asked what the scope of the neonate project would be, noting that some products allow for very small children; where is the cut-off for neonates? Jim and Mary replied this type of question would be the subject of the project. Jacob expressed interest in serving on the panel or workgroup. The working group would likely meet in conjunction with other industry meetings. It would be a combination of engineers and people with knowledge in patient care. Teresa Merk offered to participate as a nurse. Tom Downey, EVS, asked how the group would get funding. Jim said some state EMS directors have expressed interest in contributing (\$3000 to \$5000) and we would seek support from insurers and industry partners. The fund would be a restricted fund housed at NASEMSO. Jim plans to talk to potential partners at EMS Expo in October. Cyndy asked about acquiring seed money from the state offices. She had hoped for guidance from HRSA. She wondered if

there would be industry bias if industries contributed to the fund. Jim explained how it was done when the ambulance standards were developed with industry partners contributing. Amy Haughn works for Nationwide Children's Hospital and she would like to see an informational piece that could be shared with her hospital and others who would have an interest.

**Volunteers for Planning Subcommittee** - Mary asked for members who would be willing to plan the next steps for recruiting donors. Amy Haughn and Teresa Merk were interested and have contacts with the isolette companies. Jacob Cartner (Ferno) and Cyndy Wright-Johnson volunteered. Mary offered to contact those who volunteered to arrange a planning call.

**Planning for October 11 STC Meeting in Oklahoma City** – Discussion occurred about the day and time of the meeting in Oklahoma City. Jacob Cartner indicated an interest in attending. Cyndy felt that the meeting would be a good place to educate others (state directors) about the work of the committee. She suggested that Eric summarize the committee's progress, and someone could cover the product comparison/ Interim Guidance. It was also suggested we have a brief overview of SAE standards. Jim requested feedback on how he can explain the issues better to the state director community.

**Federal Partner Comments/Update** – The federal partners on the call had no new information to share.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM EDT.

**Next Meeting** – October 11, NASEMSO Fall Meeting, Oklahoma City

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