



NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Ad Hoc Committee

MEETING RECORD

January 27, 2016

Attending: Eric Hicken (NJ, Chair), Katherine Schafer (NM, Vice Chair), Katrina Altenhofen (IA), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Stephanie Busch (VT), Jim Green (NIOSH), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), John McDonald (GSA), Dr. Brian Moore (NM), Sue Morris (OH), Paul Phillips (KY), Sandy Sinclair (NHTSA), Tom Winkler (PA), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD)

Call to Order and Call Roll – Eric Hicken, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 EST.

Review and Approve November 20 Meeting Record – The November 20th Meeting record was approved without changes.

Self-Introduction of Members – Members introduced themselves and explained their interest and involvement in this issue.

Purpose & Goals of Committee Discussion – Eric Hicken referred members to the suggested goals and committees that were previously submitted. He also shared his suggestions as well as those from Jim Green. Members discussed the proposals which ranged from general to very specific goals. The following recommendations were made:

- Stephanie Busch suggested adding a vision statement.
- Jim Green said we may already be able to identify the pass/fail criteria for transporting by ambulance, noting that NHTSA already publishes FMVSS standards for car seats and threshold values for occupants. He believes we have to decide what our threshold is, similar to what was recently done for ambulance cots. Funding is needed to help the team complete its work.
- Eric added one goal would be to determine the criteria manufacturers must meet.
- Katrina Altenhofen suggested that a goal be added to develop an educational process.
- Jim added that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is planning another stakeholder meeting in April and is looking for projects to fund. He recommended that we submit a proposal to DHS when they meet in April. Jim will be one of the 120 stakeholders at the DHS meeting.
- Eric suggested that a small group refine the goals discussed today. Tom Winkler, Jim Green and Mary Hedges volunteered to work with Eric to refine the goals prior to the next meeting. Eric then asked the committee about a statement of purpose; the following comments were offered:
 - Katrina proposed that among those submitted, the following purpose be adopted:

Purpose: The Safe Transport of Children (STC) Ad Hoc Committee was created for the purpose of examining current resources and pursuing research to develop specific and practical recommendations and promising practices for safely transporting children in ground ambulances.

-- After discussion about changing pediatric patients to “passengers” to be more inclusive, Dr. Moore urged the focus remain on children. He felt it was important to focus on pediatrics in order to be able to complete the project. Several others agreed and felt that the purpose as written should be adopted.

-- Cyndy Wright Johnson urged a footnote be added to ensure that new mothers and neonates are included.

-- Dave Bryson recommended that if funding is addressed in the goals, not to limit it to DHS or any other one agency.

-- Eric thanked everyone and concluded the discussion by saying he will draft the goals from what he heard today and submit to the other volunteers for comments. The end result will be distributed to the committee members for further review.

Review of and Suggestions for Committee Webpage - The Committee website was reviewed and explained. Eric asked if there were further suggestions for the website. Dave Bryson suggested adding NHTSA’s “Do’s and Don’ts” publication to the resources listed. <https://www.nasemso.org/Committees/STC/index.asp>

Federal Partner Update – Dave Bryson, NHTSA OEMS, said the internal committee at NHTSA will hold its first meeting tomorrow to address this issue. It is comprised of 12 members from NHTSA. Sandy Sinclair is one of the members.

Other: Eric asked if there were other questions or issues that members wished to addressed. Katherine asked if there is information on testing and standards from the European market? Cyndy said the European standards are referenced by Ferno and Quantum, but as a non-engineer, it is difficult to understand those standards. Jim offered to help interpret the standards. He is not available for the February call but can provide something in writing.

NASEMSO Spring Meeting, April 4-6, Bethesda – The Committee will meet (in-person) April 6 at the NASEMSO Spring Meeting. Eric said we will try to offer remote access to those who cannot attend in person. Cyndy offered to bring her phone and Go-to-Meeting access if we need it.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM EST. The next meeting is Feb. 18.

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