



NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Ad Hoc Committee

MEETING RECORD

April 25, 2019
1:30 PM EST

Attending - Eric Hicken, Chair (NJ), Katherine Schafer, Vice Chair (NM), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Stephanie Busch (VT), Jacob Cartner (Ferno), Adam Humbarger (EVS), Carter Kistler (EVS), Patrick Wilson (Quantum), Mark Roberts (Quantum), Teresa Merk (AAMS), Amy Haughn (AAMS) John Segars (International Biomedical), Joe Najmi (International Biomedical), Amy Shick (SAPLACOR), Mary Chiesa (SAPLACOR), Jim Green, Liz Kendrick, Stefanie Zucker (Pediatric Medical), Mike Kulig (Calspan), Jon Gondek (Calspan), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD), Tracy Cleary (KS), Lorah Ludwig (HRSA), Dr. Marilyn Bull (Riley Children's Hospital at IU), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Morgan Scaggs (KY), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Rachael Alter (NASEMSO)

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions – Eric Hicken, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM EST.

Review and Approve January 3rd Meeting Record – Tracy Cleary moved, and Katherine Schafer seconded that the January 3rd meeting minutes be adopted with two corrections: FMVSS 214 should be changed to FMVSS 213 and Katherine Hert should be listed as being from Alabama, rather than Louisiana. The motion was approved, and the meeting minutes were adopted with these changes.

Self-Introductions of New Members – John Segars from [International Biomedical](#) introduced himself. His company makes transport incubators. He was welcomed to the committee as there are no other members associated with incubators.

Updated Pediatric Product Spreadsheet – The latest draft of the pediatric product spreadsheet was projected on the screen. Katherine Schafer explained it has been updated extensively and the disclaimer language added in multiple places. She questioned if we should include comments in the last column or if it would be preferable to use that column to list the manufacturer contact information.

Mary Chiesa and Amy Shick from SAPLACOR objected to how their product was described on the spreadsheet and questioned why their comments were not included, expressing that they felt they were treated unfairly in this process. Eric Hicken recommended that the comment section be removed altogether. Stefani Zucker suggested that we include the manufacturer's website and possibly the phone number. Tracy Cleary suggested removing the price column as well. Eric and Katherine agreed to removing the price column. Amy

Shick also suggested using Google Forms instead of Excel which she feels is archaic. She noted that with Google Forms, everyone could access the document and make their own edits. Eric and Cyndy both said they are prohibited from using Google Docs because this is considered high risk by the state. Dr. Bull expressed that she would like to see the disclaimer stand out more. Tracy Cleary suggested using a different font to emphasize the disclaimer. Tracy also asked which sheet should be printed off when teaching Dr. Bull's course. It was agreed that the sheet listing products in order of the child's weight would be the best one to distribute as a hard copy.

Action Item: Stephanie Busch summarized that we will remove the price column, change the comment column into a contact column, and change the font in the disclaimer.

Proposed NASEMSO Bylaws Change: STC to become a standing committee – Eric announced that it has been proposed that the committee become a standing committee. By definition, ad hoc committees are meant to be short term, and we have now been meeting for 3 years. This likely change has been included in the proposed by-laws that will be voted upon at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting next month.

Project Manager Update – Jim Green reported that he, Rachael, Zoe Renfro and Dia Gainor have been developing a complete project proposal for pediatric crash testing. Rachael explained they are wrapping up a full proposal that is a five-year project with a budget of \$2.5 million. They are also developing a smaller, start-up proposal for supine patients only. Mary Chiesa asked why it would be necessary to spend so much money on testing instead of simply using the European standard already in existence? Jim Green explained that the European standard (as well as the Australian standard which is higher) is based on a low energy standard which is not applicable to the US standards. Cyndy Wright Johnson added that she has heard the same concern about the need to have a US standard. Mary Chiesa asked why not rely on the existing standards developed in other continents until the project testing is completed? Jim explained that we cannot validate these other standards, but this does not prevent manufacturers from testing to the European or Australian standards and advertising that they have done so.

Mary Chiesa stated that it is discrimination against infants and that it is ageism. She added that if there are standards for Mexican, black and Chinese babies (in other countries) but not white children, it is discriminating against the white children. Amy Shick asked if these standards would become legal standards. Jim explained the intent is to develop testing standards which would ideally be adopted by the states. There was discussion about the extended length of time required for developing the standards and subsequently for states to adopt the standards. Mary Hedges added that once standards are created, most manufacturers will build to the new standards long before states start adopting them. This will result in safer products on the market.

Jim said he would like to distribute a sample letter of support for the industry members to endorse. They sent the proposal package out for peer review and are receiving the last of the comments. They plan to send a finalized package to potential funding sources. While they have been focusing their efforts so far on building a tight proposal and not on fundraising, they do have approximately 5% of the budget pledged so far.

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

Dave Bryson said he will be giving an updated presentation on ambulance crashes at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting next month. Also, the final report on the 2016 Albuquerque ambulance crash (with the infant on board) is due to be released by NHTSA's Special Investigations Unit and he looks forward to sharing that with the committee.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM EST.

Next Meetings – May 15th at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting (June 27th, regular meeting time, 3rd Thursday, odd-numbered months)

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

