



NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Ad Hoc Committee

MEETING RECORD

January 3, 2019
1:30 PM EST

Attending – Katherine Schafer (NM), Stephanie Busch (VT Dept of Health), Katrina Altenhofen (EIIC), Angie Poorman (PA), Katherine Hert (AL), Kjelsey Polzin (MN), Adam Humbarger (EVS), Jon Gondek (Calspan), Mike Kulig (Calspan), Mary Chiesa (Saplacor), Amy Shick (Saplacor), Chris Jessup (IMMI), Teresa Merk (AAMS), Cyndy Wright Johnson (MD), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Rachael Alter (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Sandy Sinclair (NHTSA), John McDonald (GSA), Rachael Ford (OR), Sarah O’Donnell (HRSA), Laura (HRSA), Rich Perl (Quantum), Mark Roberts (Quantum), Patrick Wilson (Quantum), Dave Edwards (VA), Jim Green, Stefanie Zucker (Pediatric Medical), Elena Sierra (AAMS), Tracy Cleary (KS), Dr. Marilyn Bull (Riley Children’s Hospital at IU), Jacob Cartner (Ferno)

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions – Vice Chair Katherine Schafer called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM EST. Eric Hicken is unable to attend today’s meeting.

Review and Approve October 25th Meeting Record (attached)– The meeting record was approved as submitted.

Self-Introductions of New Members – Patrick Wilson (Quantum EMS) joined the meeting for the first time. There were no other new attendees.

Updated Pediatric Product Spreadsheet – Stephanie Busch presented the newly updated draft of the spreadsheet. She emphasized that additional disclaimer language was inserted as a separate page between each list. The intent today is to obtain feedback. After some additional refinement is completed, it will be emailed to members to allow time for review. Katherine apologized for not distributing the spreadsheet prior to the meeting.

Action Item: Stephanie Busch will make the additional revisions to the spreadsheet. Mary Hedges will distribute to Committee members for review.

Katrina Altenhofen provided some history of the pediatric product comparison document. The original version was formulated while she was serving as the EMSC Program Manager in Iowa. The EMS agency directors wanted a document which listed all the products to help them when purchasing a safety restraint or equipment for pediatric transport. Cyndy Wright Johnson agreed that the product spreadsheet is very helpful to EMS agencies.

Stefanie Zucker pointed out that there has been some confusion as they have heard that a standard is being developed; it would be helpful to affirm that there are no standards yet for testing pediatric products used for ambulance transport. Adam Humbarger commented that there are federal standards for pediatric transport but they are not specific to ambulances (FMVSS 213). Also, there are ambulance standards for transporting adult patients.

Jim Green clarified that what we are seeking are industry consensus standards, rather than federal standards. The existing standards for transporting adults in ambulances are industry consensus standards, published by SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers).

Adam Humbarger (EVS) asked where car seats can be placed in the ambulance now that many of the seats do not accommodate car seats. Stephanie and Katherine explained there are ways to do this which are illustrated in the training they provide.

Safe Transport Training Template – Tracy Cleary had previously volunteered to share the training template she uses for EMS providers in Kansas. There are 30-minute and 60-minute versions of the template. Katrina Altenhofen commented that we should make sure the training template is consistent with the national curriculum developed by Dr. Bull for NHTSA. Tracy agreed noting that her template is meant to be a precursor to Dr. Bull's more comprehensive course. Tracy briefly shared an overview of her training Power Point. The slideshow also emphasizes the need to follow local protocols. Mary Chiesa asked how Saplacor could get its product into the power point presentation. Katherine replied that their product has been added to the product spreadsheet.

Action Item: The Kansas training template will be put into a generic Power Point and placed on the NASEMSO website.

In addition, Tracy is willing to make a cue card to be used for paramedics on how to utilize car seats in ambulances. Having been a paramedic in the past, she remembers how unprepared they were to use a car seat in ambulances. Members thought that would be helpful. Stephanie suggested she add a statement that they follow state guidelines. Katherine recommended a disclaimer be added. Cyndy noted that if the car seat was involved in a crash, it should not to be used in the ambulance per NHTSA guidelines.

Action Item: Tracy Cleary offered to make a cue card for EMS field providers on how to use a car seat in ambulances. It will be shared with the Committee for review.

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

- **GSA** – Jon McDonald shared that GSA now has the 2019 ambulance contracts are open if anyone is purchasing ambulances for the federal government.
- **EMSC** – No report at this time.

- **NIOSH** - No report at this time.
- **NHTSA** – No report at this time.

Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM EST.

Next Meeting – February 28th

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