



NASEMSO Safe Transport of Children (STC) Committee

MEETING RECORD

October 27, 2022
1:30 PM EDT

Attending – Eric Hicken (NJ), Katherine Schafer (NM), Katherine Dixon Hert (AL), David Harden (AZ), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD), Patrick Wilson (EMS Solutions), Kevin Gallagher, Stephanie Zucker (Pediatric Medical), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Erica Kane (WI), Jacob Cartner (Ferno), Aaron Rhone (PA), Amanda Perry (LA), John McDonald (GHSA)
For NASEMSO: Mary Hedges, Alex Tyeryar, Adrienne Wilson, Lynn Dommel, Rachael Alter, Dia Gainor

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions – Eric Hicken, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM ET. He noted that he would need to leave early and Katherine Schafer, Vice Chair, would chair the remainder of the meeting.

Review and Approve August 25th Meeting Record (attached)– David Harden moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Patrick Wilson seconded. The meeting record was approved.

Pediatric Transport Products for Ground Ambulances – Retire or Update? - Eric <https://nasemso.org/wp-content/uploads/Pediatric-Transport-Products-for-Ground-Ambulances.pdf>

Eric Hicken moved that the pediatric transport product list be retired because of a lack of evidence to determine what products are safe and the potential of liability. David Harden seconded the motion. Eric called for discussion on the motion. Cyndy Wright-Johnson agreed with the motion, noting that this list has generated a significant number of calls to EMSC program managers. Patrick Wilson suggested rather than retiring the list, the committee may want to create standards to determine what products should be included. He also suggested that the committee at least maintain a list of manufacturers. Eric, Cyndy and others noted that the list of manufacturers would create the same problem when determining who to include or exclude. Kevin Gallagher commented that despite the effort to create and maintain the product list, the committee has been unable to determine evidence-based criteria for which products to include. Katherine noted the extraordinary amount of time required to update and maintain the list. David Harden suggested obtaining

a legal opinion from the NASEMSO's legal counsel about liability associated with maintaining the list.

A roll call vote on the motion was taken: Those voting in support of the motion: Eric Hicken, Katherine Schafer, Katherine Dixon Hert, David Harden, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Kevin Gallagher, Stephanie Zucker, Erica Kane, Amanda Perry (9)
Voting No: Jacob Cartner (1)
Abstaining: Aaron Rhone, Patrick Wilson (2)

Jacob Cartner explained that he works for Ferno and they use this document frequently to point out what products are on the market. Patrick Wilson expressed his concern that there are knock off products that have not been tested that are being marketed. Katherine Schafer emphasized that without standards we are not able to accurately determine what should be on the list.

Mary Hedges explained that the committee's vote on this motion will be referred to the NASEMSO Board and/or Executive Committee for a final determination.

Rachael Alter, who works with the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC), said the safe transport of children in ambulances is a priority of the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP)—it's included in the [EMS Agency Checklist](#). The PPRP leadership could serve as a resource on this issue. Project information:

<https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/prehospital-pediatric-readiness/>

Contact: pprp@emscimprovement.center

National Roadway Safety Strategy (and what it means for EMS) –Dave Bryson, NHTSA Office of EMS, explained that thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in early 2022, additional financial resources have been allocated to make major improvements across the nation. EMS and NEMSIS have been identified as important strategies in the National Roadway Safety Strategy and will benefit from this initiative. A 50% increase in funding has been appropriated over the next 5 years. It is more important than ever for state EMS offices to build relationships, if they have not already done so, with their highway safety offices. He provided a link to the Governors Highway Safety Offices:

<https://www.ghsa.org/about/shsos>

Dia emphasized how important it is to participate in the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) as well as the Strategic Highway Safety Committee in your respective states. Dave noted that 405 funding has been used to support NEMSIS and trauma registries, but now 402 funding and supplemental appropriations will also be available. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SSR4A) grants will be available as well. Stephanie Zucker asked about the possibility of a small portion of the new funding to assist with the safe transport testing project. Dave said NHTSA OEMS is hoping to work with NHTSA's Occupant Protection office to take on phase 1 of the safe transport crash test product which has been proposed by NASEMSO.

Interim Guidance Update Discussion – This was deferred due to lack of time.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.

Next Meeting – December 22, 2022