LOG OF MEETING DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM Bassinet Multiple Occupancy Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: 2 September 2020

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual (teleconference)

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Hope Nesteruk (ESMC)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Hope Nesteruk & Carlos Torres (ESMC), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HS)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This was the first meeting of the task group, and the focus was on considerations for multiple occupancy bassinets. The task group chair presented three photos of exemplar bassinets and several sections of the standard that address bassinet occupancy. CPSC staff raised an overarching question regarding the intent of the task group – to just address sections that address occupancy or to fully evaluate the appropriateness of multiple occupancy bassinets within the confines of known safe sleep criteria. Currently, the test requirements of multiple occupancy bassinets are limited to section 7.8, which is the mattress flatness test.

The task group agreed that we should be evaluating multiple occupancy bassinets for hazards, and there was much discussion regarding a divider for separate sleep surfaces. Concerns were raised about entrapment with removable dividers and separate mattresses, and the group agreed that dividers were something that should be addressed.

Other concerns raised including making sure each sleep area was flat or less than 10°, and placing multiple infants on the same sleep surface.

The task group chair will take the comments under advisement and work on a plan to address the products before the next task group meeting.