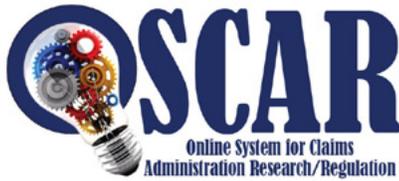


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The August OSCAR Report

During the month of August, Topeka hosted the last Online System for Claims Administration Research/Regulation (OSCAR) Staff Update meeting. Each staff meeting provided time for questions, answers and discussions. The presentations were valuable to both staff and Steering Committee members.

Track 2 (Fraud and Abuse Section) completed development and User Acceptance Testing (UAT) in August. A UAT cycle is the time period in which KDOL and stakeholders test the track's functionality to assure the program is working properly. UAT began on Track 3 (Elections) at the end of August and progress reports indicate it is on schedule to be evaluated for acceptance in early to mid-September.

CapTech has assigned specific user stories for Track 4 (Coverage and Compliance) to KDOL Information Technology (IT) for programming. As part of the CapTech Team, KDOL IT programming has been focused on fixing bugs found during the UAT cycles from Tracks 1 and 2. Track 4 is the first track assigned to KDOL IT for full development and programming.

Work on Track 5 (Judicial Section) has made progress from feedback supplied by claimant and respondent paralegals in the Topeka and Lenexa areas. These volunteer stakeholders have provided invaluable feedback on calendaring and scheduling functions. Claimant and respondent attorneys, along with Workers Compensation's administrative law judges (ALJs), have also provided feedback on various concepts for the legal Tracks 5 - 9 (Judicial Section).

For more information, CapTech produces the *OSCAR Project Quarterly Updates* newsletter which is delivered by email and available on the Project Updates Web page. If you would like to subscribe please send a request to OSCAR@dol.ks.gov.

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On the Road in Hiawatha

Director Larry Karns and Ombudsman Ryan Boswell spoke to the members of the Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development (HFED) during a luncheon at the Klinefelter Farm on Monday, Aug. 28.

Director Karns presented, *Workers Compensation 101* which explains the basics of terminology, requirements, time frames, benefits and calculations.

Ryan Boswell discussed services provided by the Ombudsman Section. He shared the most frequently asked question by injured workers and employers, "What do I do now?" Boswell discussed his role as an Ombudsman and ended by encouraging members and others to reach out to those working in the Ombudsman Unit if they have questions about workers compensation in Kansas.

Director Larry Karns
(below)
Ryan Boswell (right)



If your organization would like to learn more about workers compensation in Kansas contact WC@dol.ks.gov and request a presentation.



Speaker Updates at the 43rd Annual Workers Compensation Seminar

Registration to attend the [43rd Annual Workers Compensation Seminar](#) at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 26 and 27 is open until 1 p.m. Sept. 27.

Several of the seminar's speakers have changed. On Sept. 26, at the 2:35 p.m. Medical Track session titled, *Kansas Workers Compensation 101*, Katy Lenahan has been replaced by Ombudsman, Sue Picard.

Sue Picard has worked as an Ombudsman at the Workers Compensation Division since Sept. of 2015. In addition to Sue's duties include assisting employers, insurance carriers, third party administrators, health care providers and attorneys. Sue also conducts mediation and is a certified mediator by the Supreme Court of Kansas. Ms. Picard is degreed as an Associate of Applied Science in Business and Marketing, with experience in both private and government sectors.

On Sept. 27, Timothy Fite from [CapTech Ventures, Inc.](#) will join [Matthew Bryant](#) in presenting *Update on Building and Implementation of the Online System for Claims Administration and Research/Regulation (OSCAR)*. CapTech Ventures, Inc. is the vendor building the OSCAR program.

Timothy Fite is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and Certified Scrum Master (CSM). Previously a CPA for 12 years Fite provides strategic, communication and presentation skills along with his demonstrated analytical and management abilities. Tim holds degrees in accounting and English from the University of Georgia.

Danielle Hall will replace Stanton Hazlett in presenting, *Legal Ethics I* on Sept. 27 at 1:15 p.m. Danielle is a Deputy Disciplinary Administrator for the State of Kansas. Prior to joining the Office of the Disciplinary Administrator, Danielle was the Law Practice Services Director for the Kansas Bar Association, where she served as the organization's Practice Management Advisor.

The Lorax Project Update

The Lorax Project also known as the back scanning project, has reported the first 300 boxes of prepared 2011 dockets have been scanned and the documents have been returned by the Business Technology Career Opportunities, Inc. (BTCO) company.



Training on how to review and compare the scanned and paper files started during the last week of August. Several Ombudsman and staff from Coverage and Compliance are working on the quality assurance by reviewing the BTCO scans. A predetermined amount of scanned dockets will be selected for review to verify that the documents have been scanned appropriately and any errors will be corrected.

Please send questions about the Lorax Project to OSCAR@dol.ks.gov.

2017 Handouts is open until 4 p.m. Oct. 11.

You must be a registered attendee.

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