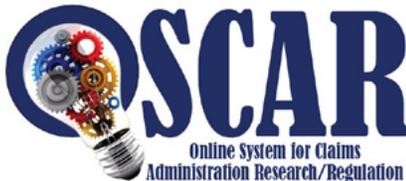


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OSCAR - September Update

User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for Track 3 ([Elections](#)) began on Sept. 4 and continued through Sept. 14. Each track is a grouping of user stories supplied by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), which are placed in systematic order.

During the week of Sept. 11 CapTech and WorkComp Strategies, Inc. were on site in Topeka and Lenexa to obtain feedback on the detailed requirements contained in Track 5 ([Judicial Section](#)). User stories within Track 5 include the use of calendar tools and user management pages to schedule hearings for claimants, attorneys, employers, insurers and claim administrators.

CapTech also gathered information from the division's legal staff and legal assistant SME's for Track 6 (Judicial Section, Cont.) requirements.

The week of Sept. 11 ended the development on Track 4 ([Coverage and Compliance](#)).

Staff members from [CapTech](#) and Work Comp Strategies attended the 43rd Annual [Workers Compensation Seminar](#) the week of Sept. 25. OSCAR consultant's [Matt Bryant](#) (WorkComp Strategies, Inc.) and Business Analyst Nicolette Lerch, (CapTech) presented an update on the building and implementation of the OSCAR system to [administrative law judges](#) and [appeals board](#) members at a judicial meeting on Sept. 25. Bryant and Tim Fite (CapTech) presented, *Update on Building and Implementation of the Online System for Claims Administration and Research/Regulation (OSCAR)* to attendees at the seminar on Sept. 27.

Work continued on the requirements elicitation on Track 6. Requirements elicitation is an advanced programming practice of collecting the requirements of a system from users, customers and other stakeholders.

The CapTech developers also began regression testing on Tracks 1 through 3 (Ombudsman/Claims Advisory Section, [Fraud and Abuse Section](#) and Elections). Regression testing is the practice of testing developed software to assure updates and changes made haven't caused problems to the existing functionality.

Development has started on Track 5 and preparations for User Acceptance Testing (UAT) has started on Track 4. UAT tests validate a specific piece of functionality to meet the needs of the user.

Please send questions about OSCAR to OSCAR@dol.ks.gov.

Speaking for Lorax In September

The week of Sept. 4 was a crash week for the Lorax project. During a crash week the division assigns additional staff and hours to help prepare dockets for scanning by the Business Technology Career Opportunities, Inc. (BTCO).



Scanning and quality assurance is now complete on 2011 documents. Quality assurance has started on 2012 scanned documents. Preparation work has also started on 2013 documents.

BTCO is scheduled to pick up 2013 dockets for scanning on Nov. 7.

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OSCAR - October Update

Consultants from WorkComp Strategies and system builders from CapTech worked in Kansas the week of Oct. 16th. On Wednesday Oct. 18, they met with division staff at the Lenexa office and paralegals from OSCAR stakeholder law firms to obtain detailed information and receive feedback about Track 6 (Judicial Section, Cont.).

During the meetings the E1 through E6 web form submissions were reviewed regarding their entry of appearance. The First Report of Injury/Second Report of Injury (FROI/SROI) user story was reviewed to determine how the forms will merge incoming data and with data that was filled out falsely or is incomplete.



Pictured above: Sean Winterhalter and Tracy Smith, CapTech, Matt Bryant, WorkComp Strategies, Inc., Director Larry Karns and Assistant Project Manager Robert Soria.

The E1 through E6 web forms are listed below:

- E1 – Application for benefits
- E2 – Application hearing for survivor (death)
- E3 – Application for preliminary hearing
- E4 – Application for post award medical, termination or modification of medical benefits
- E5 – Application for review and modification
- E6 – Application for dismissal

Pictured right:
Jo Ellen Chance, Paralegal,
Wallace Saunders



Paralegal Jo Ellen Chance from [Wallace Saunders](#) stated, “OSCAR will be very beneficial once everyone learns how to use it.” She believes paperless systems are essential to the workers compensation industry. Jo Ellen appreciates the level of care and the detail being given to building the OSCAR system and thinks it will be very user friendly.



Legal Assistant Carrie Borgman from [Wallace & Kolich LLC](#), said she’s very excited for OSCAR to go live, “It will be fantastic to have the ease to schedule and review documents. Having access to applicable parties contact information will be a time saver.”

Pictured left:
Carrie Borgman,
Legal Assistant,
Wallace & Kolich, LLC

Requirement gathering began on Track 7 (Judicial Section, Cont.).

Track 5 of the Judicial Section which included user stories, which include a calendar tools and user management pages to schedule hearings claimants, attorneys, employers, insurers and claim administrators was completed the week of Oct. 23. The Track 6 requirements were reviewed and approved on Oct. 27. Requirement gathering has started on Track 7 (Judicial Section, Cont.).

CapTech and WorkComp Strategies, Inc. will return on Monday, Oct. 30 and work in Topeka until Wednesday. They plan to do User Acceptance Testing (UAT) (tests that must be successfully executed in order to validate a specific piece of functionality and meet the needs of the user) to execute Track 5.

On Thursday, Oct. 31 the team will be testing internal and external use in Lenexa with paralegals and legal assistants from the local and stakeholder offices.

Speaking for Lorax In October

The division received a software upgrade for the Kofax scanner used to prepare the documents. Training on the upgraded scanning system began during the week of Oct. 23.

**Be sure to keep your postal and email active.
Send updates to WCseminar@dol.ks.gov.**



News from the 2017 Workers Compensation Seminar

The 43rd [Annual Workers Compensation Seminar](#) was held at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 26 and 27. There were 470 registered seminar attendees. Continuing education was awarded to 208 Kansas attorneys, 68 Kansas Nurses (APRN, RN or LPN), 33 Certified Case Managers, three Kansas Occupational Therapists/Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants and five Kansas Physical Therapists/Physical Therapy Assistants.

Additional assistance was provided to 20 licensed or certified attendees who required proof of attendance to file for continuing education credits which KDOL did not pre-approve.



Pictured left: Danielle Hall, Office of the Disciplinary Administrator, Judicial Branch.

Less is More!

The most noticeable change at the 43rd Annual Workers Compensation Seminar was the elimination of the third session on day two.

During an informal poll conducted at continuing education check in on day two, we asked attendees if they liked the idea of dropping the last session. An overwhelming 100 percent of attendees said, "yes."

Pictured right: Dr. Ryan Endress, University of Kansas School of Medicine.



Pictured right: Doug Hobbs, Wallace Saunders, Jan Lunsford and Jane Hogan, KDOL.



Pictured left: Steve Benjamin, Progressive Rehabilitation Management, Inc. Jane Hogan and Jan Lunsford, KDOL.



Pictured left: Dallas Rakestraw, McDonald Tinker, PA, Jan Fisher, McCullough, Wareheim and LaBunker, PA and Dr. Jarron Tilghman, Rockhill Orthopaedic Specialists, Inc.

Pictured below: Richard Thomas, Langston & Associates, Judge Bruce Moore, KDOL and Dr. David Hufford, Mid-America Orthopedics, LLC.



Pictured above: Reyne Kenton, Kansas Board of Pharmacy.



Documenting Proof of Attendance for Credits

It could be several years before an attendee needs to submit continuing education documentation. Reissuing credits received from past seminars can be done for up to five years from the date you attended. Contact WCseminar@dol.ks.gov for more information.

Planning will begin soon for the 44th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar scheduled at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 25 & 26, 2018. Submit suggestions about topics, speakers and program changes to Shirley.Hastings@ks.gov.