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The Judicial Side of OSCAR

Dec. 25, 2017 - [CapTech](#) and [WorkComp Strategies, LLC](#), and Workers Compensation Division staff (The OSCAR Team) continued to work on the requirements of Track 9 which will feature medical providers, employer compliance notices and state agency details page. Tracks are a grouping of user stories which are placed in systematic order.

Jan. 1, 2018 - Development of Track 7 was completed. The OSCAR Team completed the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) scripts for Track 7. UAT tests must be successfully executed in order to validate a specific piece of functionality and meet the needs of the user.

Jan. 8 - The OSCAR team reviewed and sorted user stories to include in Track 8. User stories are the functional outcomes of requirements, documents, work flow and needs which describe what a user does or needs to do their job.

Jan. 15 - The OSCAR team met with customer/stakeholders Jo Ellen Chance, paralegal, [Wallace Saunders](#), Carrie Borgman, legal assistant, [Wallace & Kolich LLC](#) and internal users Jane Hogan and Veronica Cooper (Lenexa) and Kristi Schmidt (Topeka) to test the functionality of OSCAR's electronic courtroom.



Above standing (left to right): Alex McLellan (KDOL), Utkarsh Barot (CapTech) Mike Stang (Haight & Stang, LLC), Matt Bryant (WorkComp Strategies, LLC.), Tony Andersen (Travelers Insurance).
Seated (left to right): Nicolette Lerch (CapTech), Director Larry Karns and ALJs Bruce Moore and Ali Marchant and Kristi Schmidt (KDOL).

Customers/Stakeholders Tony Andersen (Travelers Insurance), Mike Stang ([Haight & Stang, LLC](#)) and Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) Ali Marchant (Wichita) and Bruce Moore (Salina) participated in UAT on Track 7. Functionality within this track identifies and merges First Report of Injury (FROI) and Second Report of Injury (SROI), provide a certificate of service document, include a case module, provide hearing transcript processing, hearing details, consolidation and companion cases and new application for benefit acknowledgment.

Customers/stakeholders also tested calendar functions which include setting a judge's availability, scheduling hearings (which allows claimants, attorneys, employers, insurers and claim adjusters

to choose a common date and time for hearing), providing a preliminary hearing, hearing by survivor, post award medical, review and modification, dismissal and processing and submission forms. Carrie Borgman is impressed with what OSCAR can provide. "I love it," she said. "I won't have to send out all those certified letters anymore which will save us time and our clients money," she added.

Within the next few weeks the OSCAR team, internal users and customers/stakeholders will begin preliminary testing of the Board of Appeals functionality including filing for an appeal, appeals details such as adding/editing pages, appeal lookup, panel assignment, steps involved in generating an appeal acknowledgment document and extracting documents related to an appeal. Track 8 will also feature sealing documents, case history listing, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) reassignment, motion and other pleadings listing generate a Kansas Certificate of Service document.

Follow planning at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/Oscar/Oscar.aspx. Send questions to KDOL.OSCAR@ks.gov.

KDOL Migrates to the Cloud

Michael Kennedy, Technology Support Consultant - KDOL

The initial thrust for the State of Kansas O365 migration to the cloud was to consolidate the Executive Branch agencies into a single email system with important advantages.

First, the state is no longer burdened with costly maintenance for server, storage, backups, software and licensing for all the separate email systems running at each agency. Those savings were diverted to get premium licensing for our user community, which means much larger capacity within our mailboxes. Second, all state employees are now listed within the same Global Address List making it easier to setup meetings with access to collaborative applications such as SharePoint and Skype for Business broadening the state's unified communications array.

Before moving our email to the cloud, KDOL had some specific security concerns which were dealt with in reviews of security design plans both on KDOL and Microsoft side. Only after all issues had been cleared, KDOL proceeded with the migration, making KDOL one of the last agency to move.

Our new email addresses are basically in the same format as always (firstname.lastname@domain). The difference is in the domain. Instead of dol.ks.gov as the domain, KDOL and the other agencies are now under the domain of ks.gov. So, our old email address would be John.Smith@dol.ks.gov and the new address has changed to John.Smith@ks.gov.

One of the requirements of the State of Kansas O365 project was that all shared mailboxes must contain the agency acronym KDOL in the mailbox display name and email address. The Workers Compensation Division uses many shared mailboxes, about 25 in all. Mailboxes like WC Appeals Board became KDOL WC Appeals Board with an email address of KDOL.WCAppealsBoard@ks.gov. The purpose was to help group all of our agency shared mailboxes together and to insure no duplicate names were created between agencies.

The result, KDOL now has a consolidated collaborative message environment for increased productivity and long term cost savings.



Speaking for Lorax

Lorax, known as the back scanning project named after the Dr. Seuss children's book titled, *The Lorax* which chronicles the plight of the environment and features a character called the Lorax who, *speaks for the trees*. Scanned documents will be uploaded to OSCAR.

Jan. 1, 2018 - The 2014 Dockets were boxed Jan. 3 through Jan. 5. They are preparing for pickup next week.

Jan 8 - The Lorax team continued to prepare for pick-up of the boxes January 8 through January 11. On January 12 the 2012 dockets were returned to our external storage facility and the 2014 dockets were picked up. Scanning of the 2014 dockets will begin Jan. 15.

Jan. 15 - Business Technology Career Opportunities, Inc. (BTCO) the scanning vendor, began scanning 2014 dockets this week.

Please send questions about Lorax to KDOL.OSCAR@ks.gov.