

Work Comp Connection

January 2018 Newsletter



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OSCAR October through December 2017

Week of Nov. 6 - CapTech builders, WorkComp Strategies consultants and Workers Compensation Division staff (OSCAR team) performed User Acceptance Testing (UAT) on Track 5 in Topeka and Lenexa. Functions within Track 5 include setting judge's availability and allowing claimants, attorneys, employers, insurers and claims administrators to vote on available times and dates within the calendar for hearings.

Week of Nov. 13 - Track 6 went into the second week of a four week development phase. During this week the OSCAR team reviewed the processing and submission of Web-based forms for preliminary hearings, hearings by survivor, post award medical (review and modification) and dismissal.

The team also checked content and functionality of Track 7's hearing detail pages, handling notices, uploads for exhibits and transcripts, viewing of motions and petitions and judge's reassignment capabilities for final review.

The OSCAR Team met with external court reporters to present a preview of Track 8's calendar functions and gathered their feedback on Appeal board judge's case assignments, setting up brief dates, pending briefs and notifications processes.

Week of Nov. 20 - Internal Appeals board Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) met with the OSCAR team to review Track 8 requirements. Feedback for Track 7 was completed and approved and development continued in it's third week of the four week phase for Track 6.

Week of Nov. 27 - The OSCAR Team met in Lenexa to begin work on a data migration plan to move data from the Builtmore and Electronic Data Interchange (the Division's existing systems) into the OSCAR system and data warehouse. Track 6 development was completed and UAT testing began. Track 8 requirements gathering began its second week of a 4 week phase.

Week of Dec. 4 - External legal assistants met in Lenexa with the OSCAR team to perform UAT of the Track 6 Web-based forms which will replace E1-E6 paper forms. The forms tested included Application for Benefits (E1), Application hearing for Survivor (E2), Application for Preliminary Hearing (E3), Application for Post Award Medical (termination or modification of medical benefits) (E4), Application for Review and Modification (E5) and Application for Dismissal (E6). The external legal assistants provided valuable feedback on changes to make the system easier and more efficient.

Track 8 requirements were in the third week of a four week development.

Week of Dec. 11 - The OSCAR team reviewed (Track 8) Board of Appeals functionality including filing for an appeal, appeals details (and add/edit 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 and generating a Kansas Certificate of Service document.

Week of Dec. 18 - CapTech builders continued programming the details of Track 7 which will identify and merge First Report of Injury (FROI) and Second Report of Injury (SROI), provide a certificate of service document, include a case module, hearing transcript processing, hearing details, consolidation and companion cases and new application for benefits acknowledgment.

CapTech will return Jan. 15, 2018 to begin work in Topeka and Lenexa with Division ALJ support staff, external attorneys and external legal assistants involved in UAT.

Send questions to KDOL.OSCAR@ks.gov.

Speaking for Lorax - October through December, 2017



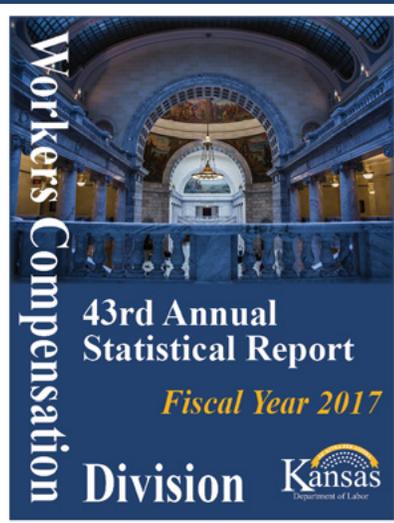
During the week of October 30, the Lorax staff prepared the 2013 dockets for pickup. On Nov. 7, Business Technology Career Opportunities, Inc. (BTCO) picked up the 2013 dockets and the 2011 dockets were returned to sacks.

On Nov. 13 KDOL announced an upgrade to our internal scanning software called Kofax. Internal scanners are used to record elections and undocketed settlements. The work was completed Nov. 27.

Scanning of the 2012 dockets is complete. Scanning of 2013 dockets began Nov. 27.

Boxing of the 2014 dockets was completed throughout December of 2017. Quality assurance continues to be performed on scanned dockets on a weekly basis to ensure images meet satisfaction.

The next docket pick-up is scheduled on Jan.9, 2018. Please send questions to KDOL.OSCAR@ks.gov.



The Workers Compensation Division's 43rd Annual Statistical Report is online at Fiscal Year 2017

KDOL Email changes!
Please note changes in emails listed
throughout this issue.
See details in the February issue.



Fast Facts

Fraud - Report workers compensation fraud at www.dol.gov/WorkComp/fraud.aspx; email KDOL.WCFraud@ks.gov; phone 785-296-4000 (opt. 4) or call toll free (800) 332-0353 (opt. 3).

Ombudsman Services - The Division employs full-time personnel who specialize in aiding injured workers, employers and insurance professionals with claims information and problems arising from job-related injuries and illnesses. Contact KDOL.WC@ks.gov for more information.

Disability Compensation Benefits - Categories can an be found at <https://www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/injwkr.aspx>.

44th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar



Overland Park Convention Center
Sept. 25 & 26, 2018

Exhibit sales open March 26.
Contact KDOL.WCSeminar@ks.gov