

Central States Association Spring Seminar

June 20-21, 2019 in Madison, WI

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 20	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast and Registration
8:30 am – 9:45 am	The National Lens: WC2019 JENNIFER WOLF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IAIABC Learn about the trends and emerging issues shaping workers' compensation systems across the country.
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Medical Cannabis: Lessons Learned from Minnesota DR. TOM ARNESON, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, MINNESOTA OFFICE OF CANNABIS
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	How to Gain Efficiencies through System Modernization Hear case studies from Illinois, Kansas, and Minnesota of how to achieve agency efficiency during modernization. These three states will discuss the scope of the challenge, how the process was redesigned, and what worked to gain staff acceptance.
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Luncheon
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Roundtable Discussion MODERATOR: RON RASCIA, ILLINOIS INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION Participate in discussion with Central State colleagues on current issues and initiatives.
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm	New and Noteworthy from NCCI SUSAN SCHULTE, NCCI
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	What Do Injured Workers Really Think? LAURE LAMY, WCRI The Workers' Compensation Research Institute (WCRI) conducted interviews with injured workers over the past four years to help understand how they navigate the systems in the states where they work. The studies provide insight into their ability to access medical

	care and some of the reasons they don't return to work in addition to other findings. The research indicates "trust in the workplace" can have an impact on the outcome of a claim.
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Networking Reception GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY NCCI 

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast and General Business Meeting
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) LAURA ZAJAC, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Understanding Workers' Compensation Disputes Across Jurisdictions MATT BRYANT, WORKCOMP STRATEGIES Receive an update about the six states in the IAIABC Dispute Resolution, including two CSA member states (Kansas and Wisconsin), on the similarities and differences on how they handle workers' compensation disputes.
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Case Law Update Hear important cases influencing the interpretation and application of workers' compensation systems in the Central States region. Are there trends or commonalities in recent years?

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