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YOU TO REGISTER FOR THE MWCEA 2023 CONFERENCE!

The MWCEA is far more than just a standard workers' compensation conference. Annually, like-minded individuals get together to network, share best practices, and learn new business strategies from some of the most reputable industry experts in the nation. Our three-day program focuses on presentations on the most relevant topics and various viewpoints of professionals in workers' compensation. This year, our theme, the Wild West of Workers' Compensation focuses on doing business using the Western Rule of integrity, hard work and honor.

MWCEA offers 11 CEU and CLE credits to registrants. Additionally, the annual expo features two floors of exhibitors. There is simply no better place to find and compare the products, tools and services available to help you solve your toughest workers' comp and disability management challenges.

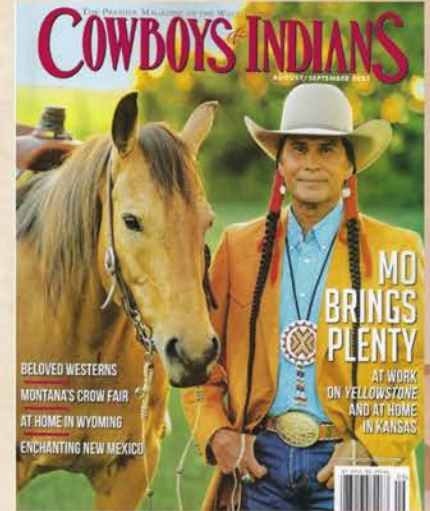
Learn about FCE's with a live demonstration; medical costs and fees; the cost of medical marijuana; long-term psychological work injuries; advanced skills for vocational rehabilitation; and, much more. New for this year: two breakout sessions will be available during our regularly scheduled Tuesday program for attorneys on hearing skills and procedures, a panel on advanced vocational rehabilitation skills, and a panel discussion about the difficulties faced by case managers, adjusters, and vocational rehabilitation. The attorney breakout sessions were created with newer workers' compensation attorneys in mind, with an emphasis on trying cases before the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission.

MWCEA's Tuesday night closing gala will round out the schedule of events, featuring live music and a "boots and bling celebration of folks in their best western wear! Giddy up and get registered today at mwcea.net.

MO BRINGS PLENTY TO KEYNOTE



Moses Brings Plenty



Moses Brings Plenty helps craft a juicy story packed with drama and intrigue on TV's biggest western drama, *Yellowstone*. He plays "Mo", the steady right hand and loyal fixer of the Native American power broker Chief Thomas Rainwater. Along with, John Dutton, played by Kevin Costner, and the rest of the well-known cast, Moses Brings Plenty also helps portrays the Native American perspective for audiences.

As the 2023 MWCEA Annual Conference Keynote Speaker, Mo will talk about his journey as a Native American performer and the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in life and the workplace. He will share his understanding and life experiences on how different backgrounds come with diverse points of view, which ultimately leads to better innovations, ideas, and solutions for better living and working together. Above all, Mo is a man who wholeheartedly believes in human kindness, and he trusts the good in humanity still exists and feels it just needs to be dusted off a bit. Out of respect and honor for those who have come before us, Mo knows we have a profound obligation to leave a livable planet for those who will follow when we are gone, and he starts and ends every day, with thoughts of how he and we can make the world a better place while we are here and will share his ideas on better ways for better days.

His acting credits are extensive, and he is also known for his off screen work as a Native American film consultant. You can learn more and read his full bio at www.mwcea.net.

His traditional name -- given to him as a young boy -- is Ta Sunke Wospapi ("catches his horse"); it befits a man who spends more time on his horses than anywhere else, in his career and at home. He is a direct descendant of Brings Plenty, an Oglala Lakota warrior who fought in the Battle of Little Big Horn. Moses Brings Plenty was born on the Pine Ridge Reservation, in South Dakota and when he's not acting, makes his home on a cattle ranch in Kansas with his wife, Sara Ann Haney-Brings Plenty, a former rodeo competitor and Miss Rodeo Kansas finalist.



MWCEA Conference Agenda

Sunday, October 1

2:00 - 8:00 p.m. REGISTRATION (Atrium Level)
2:00 - 6:00 p.m. EXHIBITOR SET UP
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. OPENING RECEPTION (Crystal Ballroom)
Join your colleagues for the kick-off networking reception for the MWCEA Conference!

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Monday, October 2

7:00 a.m. - noon REGISTRATION (Atrium Level)
7:00 - 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Upper Exhibits)
7:00 a.m. EXHIBITS OPEN
8:30 - 9:00 a.m. OPENING REMARKS (Crystal Ballroom)
PRESIDENT'S WELCOME
Matthew J. Pepper, Esq., CHASENBOSCOLO
CHAIRWOMAN'S WELCOME
Hon. Maureen E. Quinn
Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. KIDS' CHANCE UPDATE
Thomas J. Phelan, President, Kids' Chance of Maryland

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. EXHIBITOR BREAK
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Functional Capacity Evaluation
Moderators: Matt Drzik, MS, CWPE, REHAB AT WORK/Erin Cornett, Baltimore Work Rehab Two experienced and certified FCE evaluators will take you through the evolution of a Functional Capacity Evaluation—from start to finish. Our experts will detail what information is needed before an evaluation can be completed, put a test subject through modified paces of an actual FCE, and will conclude by delving into the written report and how to glean information when reading it. Join us as we breakdown the Functional Capacity Evaluation to ensure comprehension across all benefitting stakeholders.

Panel: Jeffrey Winston, DC, CWDC, Baltimore Work Rehab, Excelsia Injury Care
Kristine Weir, OTR/L, REHAB AT WORK
Commissioner: Hon. Asha J. Jefferson

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Not the Regular Rodeo - Medical Controversions, Orders of Nisi, and the Prescription Docket
This panel will explore the less prominent dockets that are often specially set to address medical billing only. The discussion will include when such issues arise, ways to resolve without litigation, and the circumstances where a hearing is required and the best practices on how to proceed.
Moderator: Brian Katzenberg, Esq., Cohen, Snyder, Eisenberg & Katzenberg, P.A.
Speakers: Robert Garza, Esq., CHASENBOSCOLO
Merissa E. Hall, Esq., Erlandson, Vernon & Daney, LLC
Commissioner: Hon. James Forrester

12:15 - 2:00 p.m. LUNCH & LEARN Marijuana Is Legal: Does the Employer/Insurer Have to Pay for It? We will discuss the arguments as to why claimants should receive marijuana and whether the Employer/Insurer may be required to pay for it.

Moderator: Barry Bernstein, Esq., Semmes
Speaker: Todd E. Saucedo, Esq., Semmes
Warren S. Alperstein, Esq., Alperstein and Diener, P.A.
Commissioner: Hon. Tracey Parker-Warren

2:30 p.m. Kids' Chance Cornhole Event

9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Bonfire on the Beach
Join colleagues on the beach, for some fire, fun and s'mores!

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Tuesday, October 3

7:00 a.m. - noon REGISTRATION (Atrium Level)
7:00 - 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Upper Exhibits)
7:00 a.m. EXHIBITS OPEN
8:30 a.m. WELCOME & DAILY PRIZE DRAWING

Tuesday, October 3 con't.

8:45 - 10:00 a.m. Dust Bowl Blues: Work Related Psychological Injuries
The panel will discuss psychological conditions that result over time from physical injuries and those that occur without direct physical injury. Additionally, panelists will consider issues of a diagnosis from a medical point of view as well as presentation at hearing. Lastly, this seminar will consider how to evaluate and what to expect from impairment ratings and potential outcomes for permanent partial disability and settlement.

Moderators: Brian D. Katzenberg, Esq., Cohen, Snyder, Eisenberg & Katzenberg, P.A.

Panelists: Erin Synder, Esq., Cohen, Snyder, Eisenberg & Katzenberg, P.A.
Carlos Nieto, Esq. Law Office of Jacqueline Kramer (Selective Insurance House Counsel)

Aaron R. Noonberg, PhD

Commissioner: Hon. Kathleen A. Evans

9:30 a.m. Getting the Worker Back in the Saddle

A panel discussion about challenges faced by case managers, adjusters, and vocational rehabilitation.

Moderators: Eric Buchner, MD, Sinai Hospital and Matthew D. Gordon, Esq., Law Office of Mitchel M. Gordon

Panel: Sarah Cunningham, BS, WCP, Chesapeake Employers' Insurance
Stephanie Dubicki, CRC, MCRSP/MS, Allegiant Managed Care
Kelly Barben, BSN, RN, CCM, First Rehabilitation Resources

9:30 a.m. Breakout Room Part 1: Are You New to the Rodeo? A Hearing Boot Camp for Compensability Cases
This breakout room is designed for newer workers' compensation attorneys with a focus on trying accidental injury and occupational disease compensability Commission cases. Hear from the Commissioners and experienced attorneys about exhibits needed and specific questions that should be addressed for the purposes of building your case or defense.

Moderator: Lyndsey B. Meninger, Esq., MBA, Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company/Injured Workers' Insurance Fund

Panel: Michael Dailey, Esq., Schmidt, Dailey, and O'Neill, LLC

Charles Schultz, Esq., Berman, Sobin, and Gross, LLP

Commissioners: Hon. Morrisann Martin and Hon. Delia T. Schadt

10:30 a.m. PORTH AWARD

10:45 a.m. EXHIBITOR BREAK

11:15 a.m. Taking the Bull by its Horns with Vocational Rehabilitation
Our guest panel will discuss advanced vocational rehabilitation skills to get those problem cases back on track. Topics such as motivating claimants, tailoring services to mitigate barriers, communicating clear expectations, and knowing how and when to end vocational rehabilitation services will be addressed. Panel members will also share success stories and the factors that led to positive outcomes.

Moderator: Shelby Dubato, MSW, LCSW-C, CRC, CLCP, CCM, CDMS, MalcolmDubato, LLC

Panel: Samantha Kieley, First Rehab Resource

Daniel Lentscher, CAM, PT

Defense: Sheri Tirocchi, Esq., GodwinTirocchi, LLC

Claimant: Sara El-Shall, Esq., Law Office of Sara El-Shall

Commissioner: Hon. Ju Y. Oh

11:15 a.m. Breakout Room Part 2: Are You New to the Rodeo? A Hearing Boot Camp for Compensability Cases

This breakout room is designed for newer workers' compensation attorneys with a focus on Subsequent Injury Fund Commission cases. Hear from the Commissioners and experienced attorneys about how to best present evidence and questions for a successful and smooth hearing.

Moderator: Lyndsey B. Meninger, Esq., MBA, Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company/Injured Workers Insurance Fund

Panel: Edward W. Goldsmith, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Subsequent Injury Fund

Laura McKenzie, Esq., Franklin & Prokopik, P.C.

Jason Shultz, Esq., Shultz Legal, LLC

Commissioners: Hon. Allan Kittleman and Hon. James Forrester

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12:15 - 2:00 p.m. LUNCH & LEARN The Wild West of Medicine Virtual Reality & Regenerative Medicine - Learn about the good, the bad and the ugly side of virtual reality therapy and regenerative medicine.

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Moderators: Ashlee K. Smith, Esq., The Office of Ashlee K. Smith and J. Michael Harrison, Assistant Attorney General, Uninsured Employers' Fund
Panel: Jerome P Reichmister, MD, Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission

Scott E. Brown, MD, MA, Sinai Rehabilitation Center, Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for LifeBridge Health
Thomas Lee, M.D., Sinai Rehabilitation Center, Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for LifeBridge Health and Gerry Stanley, M.D. Chief Medical Officer of Harvard MedTech
Commissioner: Hon. Howard L. Metz

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Kids' Chance One Mile Fun Run/Walk

9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. MWCEA CLOSING GALA: Boots & Bling (Crystal Ballroom)
Take a spin on the dance floor, jam along with the band and wear your favorite western gear!

SPONSORED BY: Dr. Jeffrey D. Gaber & Associates, P.A.

Wednesday, October 4

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST WITH THE COMMISSIONERS:

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission Update

Hon. Maureen E. Quinn, Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission

Moderator: Matthew J. Pepper, Esq., CHASENBOSCOLO

SPONSORED BY: Cohen, Snyder, Eisenberg & Katzenberg, P.A.

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

Remarks by legislative members of the Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee, and presentation of 2023 proposed and passed legislation impacting Workers' Compensation in Maryland.

Moderators: J. Michael Harrison, Assistant Attorney General, Uninsured Employers' Fund; Ashlee K. Smith, Esq., The Law Office of Ashlee K. Smith; and James A. Lanier, Esq., Warnken, LLC

Invited: Senator Kathy Klausmeier, Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. RECENT CASES

A discussion of recent workers' compensation decisions from the newly-named Appellate Court of Maryland and Supreme Court of Maryland
Moderator: Fatima H. Garland, Esq., Office of the Montgomery County Attorney

Speakers: Kenneth Berman, Esq., Berman, Sobin & Gross, LLP

Wendy Karpel, Esq., Office of the Montgomery County Attorney

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. MSBA'S NEW SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT GENERATOR Learn about and view this exciting new template which will help all members of the community streamline and simplify the drafting, review, and approval of Agreements of Final Compromise and Settlement. See how the generator addresses all issues in compliance with the WCC's regulations and with CMS's requirements and produces a unique settlement agreement.

Moderator: J. Michael Harrison, Assistant Attorney General, Uninsured Employers' Fund

Presenters: Nancy J. Courson Cooke, Esq., Dirska & Levin, LLC

Robert Bershad, MSBA's Director of Member Engagement

11:00 a.m. GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

You must be present to win! Limit one prize per attendee!

Presenter: Andrea Ball, Executive Director, MWCEA

Conference Lodging

ASHORE RESORT (Conference Location)

410-524-3535 ashoresortoceancity.com

10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842


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September 15- 18, 2024

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Monday Evening Social: CHASENBOSCOLO

Mon. Lunch & Learn: Semmes

Tues. Lunch & Learn: Support Claim Services

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Tuesday Photo Booth: Erlandson, Vernon & Daney, LLC

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The shuttle runs every 15 minutes during the times indicated:

Monday & Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Other times can be requested...



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Official Attendance Letter

The Maryland Workers' Compensation Educational Association's Annual Conference will offer an official letter of attendance for registered attendees to use for Continuing Education purposes in their various jurisdictions and disciplines not already approved under the programs listed above. In order to receive a letter of attendance, please notify the registration desk upon registering for the conference. There is a \$10 fee for each letter requested, payable to the Maryland Workers' Compensation Educational Association by cash, check or credit card on-site. This fee is not applicable for the CEU credit programs listed above. This letter of attendance is not being offered to attendees requesting CEU's for these certifications: CCM, CRC, or CDMS. This letter of attendance is not being offered as verification of WCC credits.

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CRC, CDMS, CCM: The MWCEA is offering pre-approved CEU credits. Participants who wish to qualify to receive CEU credits must sign in and sign out daily at the CEU table located near registration. Attendance will be monitored and strictly enforced. CEU Certificates will be available to qualified participants. VISIT THE REGISTRATION AREA FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AND FOR DAILY SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT. For information: info@mwcea.com