



BRIEFING

IAIABC Data Project Update – December 2014

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Background Information

For summary information on the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) see *Related Associations/Organizations Briefing*.

a) IAIABC's Research & Standards Committee:

The Research & Standards Committee is working on a "data collection project to collect meaningful statistical claims data from jurisdictions". This is the project that AWCBC and its Members have been approached to participate in.

Website: <http://www.iaabc.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3590>

b) IAIABC's Electronic Data Interchange Project (EDI):

IAIABC manages the Electronic Data Interchange Project (EDI). EDI standards "cover the transmission of Claims, Proof of Coverage, and Medical Bill Payment information through electronic reporting." The significance of EDI with respect to IAIABC's data project is that some measures may be developed using EDI data which may not easily align with Canadian data/definitions.

Website: <http://www.iaabc.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3338>

IAIABC Data Collection Subcommittee

The Data Collection Subcommittee is a subcommittee of IAIABC’s Research & Standards Committee, overseeing the IAIABC data project.

Composition and Activities:

Chair:

Abbie Hudgens, Director of the Tennessee State Workers’ Compensation Division

Teleconferences and Meetings:

AWCBC and/or a Canadian jurisdiction participated in the following:

Date	Teleconference / Meeting	Canadian Participant(s)	US State Board Participants	Other
July 8, 2014	Teleconference	Michelle Beavington	U/A (handful of US State Boards chaired by Tennessee)	U/A
Sept 18, 2014	Teleconference	Guillaume Baril, Michelle Beavington	Tennessee, Oregon, Montana, Indiana, Louisiana	NCCI, Coventry
Sept 30, 2014	Centennial Convention, Austin, TX (Research and Standards Committee meeting – not just data subcommittee)	Peter Federko	Tennessee, Arkansas, South Carolina, Louisiana, Idaho, Virginia, Montana, North Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Montana, Oregon	WCRI, NIOSH, NCCI, Coventry, WorkComp Strategies, Safety National, WorkersCompensation.com, PMA, STARS, Bickmore, CWCI

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Potential Initial Participants:

The following jurisdictions/organizations are on the list as potential participants in the pilot:

1. Indiana
2. Kansas
3. Tennessee
4. Oregon
5. Virginia
6. Louisiana
7. Montana
8. Utah
9. AWCBC

Preliminary Measures:

The Data Collection Subcommittee is developing 6 preliminary measures:

IAIABC measure:	Similar to AWCBC's:
Lost Time Claims	KSM2. Total number of Lost-Time Claims
Lost Time Injury Rate	KSM21. Injury Frequency
Fatality Rate	N/A
Average Duration of Claim	KSM18. Average Composite Duration of Claim
Timeliness of Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KSM16. Avg Calendar Days from Injury to First Payment• KSM17. Avg Calendar Days from Registration to First Payment
Total Denials	N/A

From Research and Standards Committee's September minutes: "Recall that it took the AWCBC 2-3 years to really work through their definitions to get something measurable, so the committee may need to go through several iterations of this before settling on something."

See [Appendix](#) for most recent draft definitions.

Next steps:

IAIABC anticipates a pilot survey open for 2-3 months, beginning in the next month or so, then a month to compile, followed by clarifications, if needed, and then releasing the results. IAIABC is to advise AWCBC on what the approval process for publication will be.

AWCBC/Canadian involvement:

IAIABC "would hope to receive data from individual Canadian jurisdictions just as we do the US", so data would be presented for individual Canadian provinces and territories (and potentially Canadian totals as well).

In discussions with IAIABC, they have suggested that for at least some measures, even if Canadian jurisdictions could not provide data according to the exact IAIABC definitions used by the US jurisdictions, that AWCBC data could be used and be footnoted indicating the Canadian definition.

For CFO Discussion:

1. Is there interest in participating in the IAIABC data project? If so, would you prefer to have everything coordinated through AWCBC (if possible using AWCBC KSM data directly) or would you prefer for each jurisdiction to provide its own submission to IAIABC?
2. Are non-members of IAIABC okay with AWCBC sending AWCBC published KSMS to IAIABC for inclusion in IAIABC data project?
3. Are there any additional questions that need to be answered from IAIABC before CFOs can make a recommendation on this project?

Appendix: Current IAIABC Draft Definitions

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FINAL DRAFT QUESTIONS – November 11, 2014

1. LOST TIME CLAIMS 2012

How many first reports of injury have you received with a date of injury in calendar year 2012?
Please provide data on indemnity/lost time claims only.

2. LOST TIME INJURY RATE 2012

What was your lost time injury/illness rate for calendar year 2012?

Use the number of compensable lost time injuries/illnesses occurring in calendar year 2012 (from question #1) as the numerator, and the total number of employees covered by workers' compensation in your jurisdiction as your denominator (suggested to use QCEW; if QCEW is unavailable in your jurisdiction, please use an employee count that includes employees covered by workers' compensation and note the exemptions – i.e., federal employees and agriculture – in the footnotes).

3. FATALITY RATE 2012

What is your jurisdiction's workplace fatality rate for calendar year 2012?

Use the total number of compensable workplace fatalities that occurred in calendar year 2012 as the numerator, and the total number of employees covered by workers' compensation in your jurisdiction as the denominator. Please include fatalities that occurred in calendar year 2012 as a result of occupational disease, even if the illness date occurred in a different calendar year. Do not include occupational diseases that occurred in 2012 if a resulting fatality did not occur in 2012 as well.

4. AVERAGE DURATION OF CLAIM

What is your jurisdiction's average claim duration for injuries occurring in calendar year 2012?

Use the total number of days claims were paid for with injury dates in calendar year 2012, and use the number of indemnity claims in question #1 as the denominator. For claim days, count days in calendar year 2012 and through calendar year 2013 (number of days the worker is compensated through TTD payment).

5. TIME LAG OF FIRST PAYMENT

What was the average time lag (in days) from the date an injury/illness was reported to your jurisdiction to the date the first indemnity payment was issued for injuries/illnesses occurring in calendar year 2012?

PART B: what are your statutory requirements for timeliness of first payment?

6. TOTAL DENIALS

How many indemnity claims were denied in your jurisdiction with a date of injury in calendar year 2012? Please provide data for indemnity/lost time claims only, whether subsequently disputed or not.

PART B: If you are able to, please provide the total number of claims (indemnity and medical) denied with of date of injury in calendar year 2012, regardless of ultimate determination.