

Workers Comp  
It Matters

**25<sup>th</sup> Tennessee**  
**Workers' Compensation Educational Conference**

August 15-17, 2022

**Please Stand**

**Presentation of our Nation's Colors**

Tennessee State Parks Honor Guard



# Please Remain Standing

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Patrick Ruth, BWC Associate Council, Subsequent Injury Fund

## **Singing of our National Anthem**

LaShawn Pender, Rhoberta Orsland & Kyle Jones, BWC Staff

## **Exit of the Honor Guard**

# Welcoming Comments

# Abbie Hudgens

Administrator,  
Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation

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# Jeff Francis

Assistant Administrator,  
Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation

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# COVID Precautions

While it is great to assemble again, please be considerate of others who may have concerns about their medical conditions for them or their family members

- Safety Kits (masks, sanitizer) are available at the Registration Desk
  - Masks are optional
- We've added extra spacing between chairs

# Breakout Sessions

Tomorrow afternoon

– 3:15 – 4:30

and

Wednesday morning

– 8:00 – 9:15

# Which Breakout Sessions can you attend?

You are free to attend any session you wish.

We have identified the target audiences for the breakout sessions:

- Attorneys (These are your Dual Credit opportunities)
- Employers, Safety Engineers
- Adjusters
- Case Managers/Medical Providers

# Exhibition Hall

All breaks and breakfasts  
will be served in **Exhibition Hall**.

As will tonight's Kickoff Reception

# Exhibitors Hall

## Be sure to visit the Exhibitors—

- They have a lot of valuable information about their products and services;
- Their purchasing a booth helps us to keep your costs down; and,
- Some are giving away some really nice prizes.

# Lunch Tomorrow

## Announcement of the Recipient of the Sue Ann Head Award

- In the Oakleigh Ballroom
- Seating is limited due to the size of the room
  - We want as many as possible to attend
  - When the space fills, everyone else can enjoy the exact same plated meal in the Gateway Grille
    - Hotel restaurant off the main lobby

# Sue Ann Head Award for Innovation and Excellence in TN Workers' Compensation



- Led this Agency for over 30 years
- The Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant and positive impact on our system
- Can be either a single extraordinary action or a record over a career



# Sue Ann Head Award Finalists



**Dan Headrick**  
Industrial Specialist  
STAR Physical Therapy



**Bob Pitts**  
Senior Policy Advisor  
Assoc of Builders & Contractors



**Sarah Reisner, J.D.**  
Principal  
Manier & Herod

# Kids' Chance of Tennessee Auction

- 501(c)(3) non-profit
- Provide college scholarships to children whose parents were killed or catastrophically injured in a work-related accident.
- Auction will be held during the conference
  - Auction will end tomorrow afternoon
  - Continue to check on items as new items are being added as donations are received

# Wi-Fi Instructions

**For wireless, please log on to SSID: Conference Center**

- Connect to the “Conference Center” wireless network.
- Open your internet browser. You will be directed to the authorization page. If you are not automatically re-directed, try a different website.
- When prompted, enter the username and password.
  - **The username is: iwcf**
  - **The password is: iwcf**
  - **This information is case-sensitive.**

# Continuing Education

## CCM & CRC

**11 General Hours**  
**1.25 Ethics Hours**

## CLE

**A maximum of 12.25 hours**  
**11 General Hours**  
**3.50 Dual Hours**

## ADR

**12 Hours**  
**9 General**  
**1 Ethics**  
**2 Issues**  
**(pending)**

## SHRM

**12.25 Hours**

## CDMS

**11 General Hours**  
**1.25 Ethics Hours**

## Adjusters/Producers

**12 Hours Property/Casual**  
**Must attend all sessions,**  
**No partial credits are allowed**

# Take advantage of this opportunity

- Meet and network with your peers and colleagues
  - Over 400 registered attendees
- Meet and interact with Bureau staff from across the state
- Seek ways to improve the outcomes for injured workers

# Please Remember

...silence your cell phones at this time and during all presentations.



# Organizing Committee

Abbie Hudgens	Troy Haley	Brian Holmes
Matthew Salyer	Kyle Jones	Samantha Collier
Lacy Conner	Andrea Draper	Martha-Lynn Lee
Dr. Robert Snyder	LaShawn Pender	Jaime Weatherly
Chief Judge Kenneth Switzer		Suzy Douglas
Jay Hicks	Olivia Yearwood	Cathy Dodd
Matt Bodkins	Dawn Schwartz	Amanda Terry

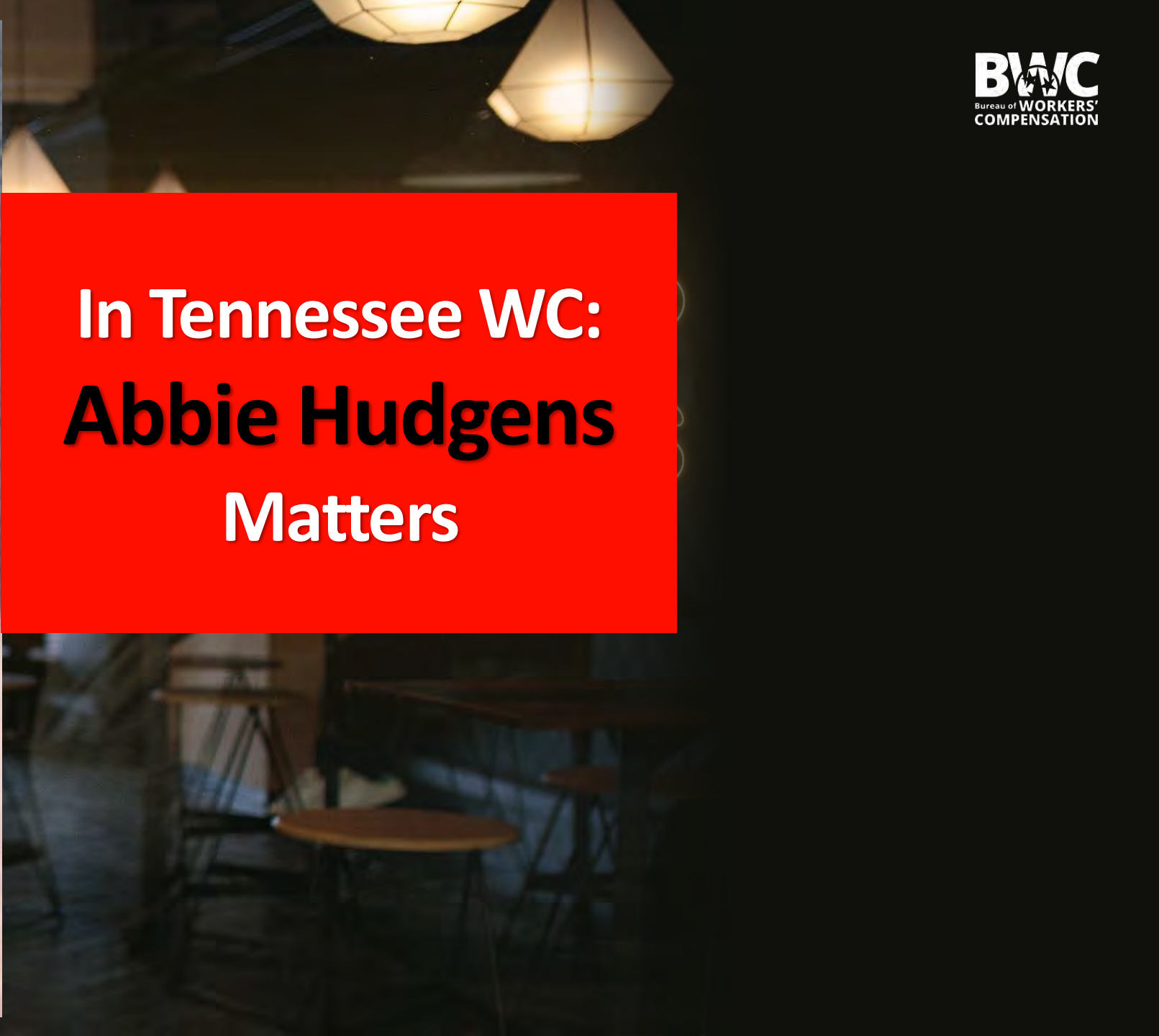
**A Very Special Thanks to our Co-sponsor**

**The International Workers' Compensation  
Foundation**

**Eric Oxfeld, Executive Director**

**Jeanne Bush, Assistant**





**In Tennessee WC:  
Abbie Hudgens  
Matters**

# Abbie's Retirement Luncheon



## Abbie Hudgens' Retirement Luncheon

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022 AT 12:30 P.M.  
OAKLEIGH BALLROOM, EMBASSY SUITES NASHVILLE SE  
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO KIDS' CHANCE OF TENNESSEE



Let's get it started!

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