

PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Cameron, Attorney General
Christopher Cohron, Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit
Jackie Steele, Commonwealth's Attorney, 27th Judicial Circuit
Rob Sanders, Commonwealth's Attorney, 16th Judicial Circuit
Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney
John Soyars, Christian County Attorney
Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney
Aaron Dail, Citizen Member

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Amy Burke
Bobby Stokes
Gina Carey
Madeline Wise
Julie Cox
Susan Blake
Penny Quatman
Rachel Conyers
Sheila Kratzer
Thomas Lockridge
Harry Rothgerber
Terri Jacobs
Barry Dunn
Chad Coleman
Deinse Durbin

GUESTS PRESENT

Brandon Ison, Commonwealth's Attorney, 37th JC
Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney, 29th JC
Carrie Ovey-Wiggins, Commonwealth's Attorney, 56th Judicial Circuit
Emma Mills, Legislative Research Commission
Harry Rothgerber, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit
Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 4th Judicial Circuit
Lou Anna Red Corn, Commonwealth's Attorney, 22nd Judicial Circuit
Louis Kelly, Commonwealth's Attorney, 54th Judicial Circuit
Richie Kemp, Commonwealth's Attorney, 52nd Judicial Circuit
Courtney Baxter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit

Bruce Kuegel, Commonwealth's Attorney, 6th Judicial Circuit
Richard Boling, Commonwealth's Attorney, 3rd Judicial Circuit
Michelle Snodgrass, Commonwealth's Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit
Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9th Judicial Circuit
Shelly Miller, Commonwealth's Attorney, 11th Judicial Circuit
Austin Price, McCreary County Attorney
Ben Harrison, Lewis County Attorney
Chris Herron, Boyle County Attorney
Crystal Heinz, Trimble County Attorney
Dennis Foust, Commonwealth's Attorney, 42nd Judicial Circuit
Joe White, Clay County Attorney
John Gardner, Commonwealth's Attorney, 43rd Judicial Circuit
Karey Young, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit
Mike Stacy, Commonwealth's Attorney, 1st Judicial Circuit
Nick Raley, Office of the Bullitt County Attorney
Parker Boggs, Commonwealth's Attorney, 26th Judicial Circuit

Pursuant to KRS 15.100(2), Executive Director, Bobby Stokes asked Madeline Wise to call the roll. After the roll was called, a quorum was announced, and the meeting was called to order.

Bobby Stokes welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the two new Council Members appointed by Governor Beshear, John Soyars and Joe Ross.

Bobby Stokes asked for a motion on the minutes of the May 8, 2020 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the Council was made by Chris Cohron, seconded Jackie Steele and passed by voice vote.

Administrative Update

Training Updates

Susan Blake provided an update on the 2020 KY Prosecutors Conference and stated that it will be held via live webinar and also available as recorded sessions for those who can't attend the live session. Currently, the dates are scheduled for August 17-21, 2020 and there will be two sessions each day; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Participants can earn up to 12 CLE hours through the live or recorded sessions.

Updated proposals for the annual conference in August 2021 will be requested and the proposals will be presented to the Council at the July meeting.

Tom Lockridge noted that smaller classes, up to 50, will begin meeting in person starting June 29, 2020. Basic DUI Training is scheduled in Northern KY for September 29 & 30, 2020.

2020 Ian Sonego Award Process

Bobby gave an overview of the status of the applications for Ian Sonego Award Process. The deadline to submit nominations was June 17th and very few have been received. Chris Cohron made a motion to extend the deadline until July 15, 2020, seconded by Rob Sanders and passed by voice vote.

Child Sexual Assault Data Report

Data from 2016 was scheduled to be complete in January. Gina Carey explained the deadline was not met because two offices did not comply with submitting their data as requested multiple times. Gina is finalizing the report now that all data has been submitted as of the middle of June. Susan advised that PowerPoint presentations have been created to walk individuals through the submission process. Chris Cohron made a motion to set deadlines in which offices with outstanding reports be reported within 30 days of report due date to the Council, Aaron Dail seconded the motion and passed by voice vote.

2021 Rocket Docket Grant Award Recommendations

Chris Cohron provided an update on the success of the program and the challenges it has faced during the Covid – 19 pandemic and budget reductions. He noted that the new budget will be \$2 Million, which is less than previous. All current programs reapplied for the new grant period with one new applicant and one program increase request. Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the Rocket Docket grant applications at the same level of funding until December 31, 2020. Martin Hatfield seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

Salary Scale Committee Reports

The Salary Scale Committees for Commonwealth's Attorneys and County Attorneys continue to work on their reports addressing position titles & salary ranges. Gina discussed the need for a July PAC meeting to review the final report for approval.

Grants Update

Application deadline for VOCA grants closed on June 15th with four new applicants. Two programs did not reapply and a total of twenty three applications were submitted by Diane Marcus on behalf of PAC. In addition, an application was submitted to the Justice Cabinet for supplies related to COVID-19 and a separate application was submitted to Grants.Gov for one time funding to be used for technology needs.

Budget Update

Gina stated that PAC is working through the year end close out process and is nearly 100% expended. The Governor asked for 1% budget reduction for current fiscal year which is impossible since expenses are near exhaustion already. PAC submitted a letter asking for exemption of the reduction which was approved. Fiscal Year 2021 is a continuation budget. Gina discussed reclassifying the TSRP position to a full time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney which is federally funded. Jackie Steele made a motion to classify the TSRP position as full time, seconded by Chris Cohron and passed by voice vote.

Personnel Requests

A. No Additional Funds Required

1. Michael Stacy, Commonwealth's Attorney 1st Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a quarter-time Law Clerk Attorney position with no additional funds effective July 16, 2020. Chris Cohron motioned, seconded by Jackie Steele and passed by voice vote.
2. Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney 4th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary of a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney with Rocket Docket funds retroactive to June 1, 2020. Chris Cohron motioned to approve retroactive to June 16th, seconded by Rob Sanders and passed by voice vote.
3. Neil Kerr, Commonwealth's Attorney 7th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish two (2) quarter-time Assistant County Attorney positions with no additional funds effective July 16, 2020. Chris Cohron motioned for approval,seconded by Rob Sanders and passed by voice vote.
4. Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney 9th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time District Secretary position funded using asset forfeiture funds retroactive to June 16, 2020 through August 15, 2020. Jackie Steele motioned for approval,seconded by Rob Sanders and passed by voice vote.
5. Shelly Miller, Commonwealth's Attorney 11th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary over \$5,000.00 for four (4) part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney positions retroactive to June 1, 2020. Additionally, she requests approval to reallocate a quarter-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position

to a quarter-time Law Clerk position and temporarily fund position using asset forfeiture funds retroactive to June 16, 2020 through August 15, 2020. Jackie Steele motioned to approve retroactive June 16, 2020 and temporary, Aaron Dail seconded and passed by voice vote.

6. Richie Kemp, Commonwealth's Attorney 52nd Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary over \$5,000 using Rocket Docket funds for a quarter-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position effective July 1, 2020. Chris Cohron motioned to approve, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.
7. Christopher Herron, Boyle County Attorney, requested approval to allow PAC to administer local funds for salary supplements for a part-time Assistant County Attorney position and a full-time Legal Secretary position effective July 1, 2020. Martin Hatfield motioned to approve, seconded by John Soyars and passed by voice vote.
8. Steven Franzen, Campbell County Attorney, requested approval to establish a quarter-time Assistant County Attorney position with no additional funds effective June 16, 2020. Martin Hatfield motioned to approve, seconded by Jackie Steele and passed by voice vote.

B. Additional Funds Required

1. Crystal Heinz, Trimble County Attorney, requested approval to establish a parttime Paralegal position with additional funds to cover benefits effective June 16, 2020. Martin Hatfield motioned to deny benefits package, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote. Joe Ross suggested that the court be asked about funding.

Bobby reminded members and guests that the next meeting of the Prosecutors Advisory Council is a special meeting and would be on Friday July 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and advised that the meeting will most likely be held via Skype Video Conference. Discussion for the date and time for the August meeting will be discussed at the July meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Martin Hatfield, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.