

COYAC Funding FY 2008-09**State COYAC Fund:**

State General Fund Approp.	\$ 8,472.00
El Pomar Foundation	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 38,472.00

Funds received on behalf of COYAC by the Civic Canopy:

Children's Hospital	\$ 5,000.00
BP America	\$ 5,000.00
Aponte & Busam	\$ 500.00
Rocky Mtn. Health Plans	\$ 500.00
League Of Women Voters	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total:	\$11,050.00

Funds pledged on behalf of COYAC; not yet received:

La Plata Electric Association:	\$ 6,500.00
Mountain Parks Electric	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 9,500.00

TOTAL ALL FUNDING RECEIVED OR PLEDGED FOR COYAC TO DATE: \$ 59,022.00

Colorado Youth Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
October 31-November 1, 2008
Colorado Springs - Penrose House

October 31, 2008

Welcome: Senators Andy McElhaney, Chris Romer and Nancy Spence started the meeting by welcoming members to Colorado Springs and to the first COYAC meeting.

Introduce Yourself: COYAC members spent some time getting to know one another and learning a little bit about each other.

Overview of HB 1157 and Legislature's Charge to the Council: Representative Ellen Roberts, sponsor of HB 1157, shared the history and background of the bill that created COYAC. Council members then broke into small groups to identify the key provisions of the bill and what the legislative parameters are for COYAC.

COYAC Mission and Vision: Council members spent some time brainstorming and setting their own goals for COYAC. They identified key areas of emphasis and interest and formed committees: Speaking Out, Community Outreach and Communication; Environment; Social Health; Education; and Be the Change. Committee members spent some time developing goals and work plans for each focus area, and updated the full group on their progress.

Partnerships between Non-profit Organizations and Government: Peter Maiurro from the El Pomar Foundation gave a presentation on nonprofit organizations; their history, role and significance. Bill Fulton of the Civic Canopy spent a few minutes explaining the role of the Civic Canopy and explained it's partnership with COYAC.

Communication and Collaboration: COYAC members spent some time discussing and deciding on group norms for effective communication and goals for how we will work together. The group decided on the following guidelines (the "COYAC Code"):

- Data → Feelings → Judgment → Plan
- Stay on topic and don't say more than you need (no verbal diarrhea)
- Commit, take responsibility, be accountable
- Debate, don't argue; and listen to each other
- Stick to your values, but be open-minded to different perspectives
- Be respectful, credible, selfless representatives for Colorado youth
- Avoid exclusive relationships and seek to include all

COYAC members signed off on the Code and adjourned for the evening.

November 1, 2008

COYAC members started Saturday with a discussion and debrief of what they felt went well the day before and what still needs to be accomplished. They revisited and expanded on the COYAC Code.

Policy Overview: COYAC members broke into groups to delve into some of the policy issues they identified the previous day and start brainstorming how they would like to address them.

Business Meeting: Following the policy discussion and report-out, COYAC conducted a business meeting to address some of the nuts and bolts of getting the Council established and running effectively. They made the following decisions:

- Leadership structure: In addition to the youth Co-chair and Vice Chair established in the bill, COYAC voted to create the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.
 - **Action Item: Descriptions of each position need to be written. COYAC needs to approve the descriptions at the next meeting.**
- Committee Structure: COYAC voted to create the following committees: Finance, Communication, and Membership.
 - **Action Item: Need clear descriptions of the scope and responsibility of each committee, and volunteers to serve on committees, except for membership, which has volunteers.**
- Voting and meeting structure: COYAC agreed to follow parliamentary procedure to run meetings and voting.
- COYAC approved the Council expenditures to date and requested more detailed budget information.
- COYAC elected Representative Ellen Roberts as the Legislator Co-Chair.
- COYAC began a discussion of which current members would serve one-year vs. two-year terms. Members tabled the discussion and a final decision for a later meeting.
- The following members volunteered to serve on the Membership committee and were approved by the Council: Max Dovala, Tim Longfield, Megan Marshall, Erica Romberg, Caroline Wockner, Parker Alton, Ashley Achee and Lanna Giauque.
 - **Action Item: The membership committee is charged with creating an application for future COYAC members by January 1, 2009.**
- COYAC chose it's next meeting date: January 26, 2009, in Denver.
 - **Action Item: Determine key agenda items for next meeting.**

The first COYAC meeting adjourned on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 2:00 PM.