



**“Six I” Policy Analysis Organizing Framework**

Public Problem, Issue, or Policy Under Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_ Analysis Done By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>General Questions to Guide Analysis</b>	<b>Findings &amp; Source*</b>
<b>Information</b> <i>Gather facts about the situation—public policy or legislation (existing, proposed, pending); Research findings; values; needs; assets; capacity; costs; benefits; etc.</i>	What information exists? What is needed? Who needs the information? Why is the information needed? Where is the information available? In what format is the information needed? Who can obtain the information? At what cost? When?	Insert brief highlights of findings and source to document the search process.
<b>Issues</b> <i>Identify the problems or issues involved in the situation. Issues are usually controversial in nature.</i>	What’s the history of the problems or issues? Are they changing? Which are emerging? Whose viewpoints are vital? Desirable?	Briefly state identified problems and issues and answers to the general or other questions
<b>Impacts</b> <i>State likely consequences of problems or issues if actions or no actions are taken.</i>	Who will likely be affected by the course of action? Intentionally? Unintentionally?	Briefly state who will likely be affected--directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally
<b>Implications</b> <i>Consider the possible effects of actions on organizations, the community, etc.</i>	What might the course of action as is or as proposed mean for: The economy, environment and people directly or indirectly involved? Federal, state and/or local public policy? Community profit, non-profit, faith-based or government agencies and organizations?	Briefly describe how possible actions. If more space or additional documents are needed to support the analysis, include as supporting materials.
<b>Imperative</b> <i>Ponder the call for action and determine if there is sufficient reason to act.</i>	What is the compelling reason(s) for action? How pervasive is the understanding of, and support for proposed actions? Why should action occur now?	Briefly the logic and affect of the proposed actions as an underlying rationale to act in a timely manner.
<b>Interventions</b> <i>State possible actions, costs, benefits, etc.</i>	Which options for actions are most likely to be accepted by those involved and/or produce the greatest result?	Outline options which can be used as possible approaches during deliberative forums to find common ground.

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Based on Braun and Bauer “5-I” Policy Analysis Matrix.

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