Brainstorming Activity

The following activity will help you flesh out the policy issue you are planning to work on by encouraging you to think about its various components. If you are still developing potential topics, I would encourage each group member to flesh out their potential topic by answering these questions separately. Then you could come together to compare your potential topics. If you have a fairly clear sense of your policy issue, then you can answer the questions separately on the same topic and then compare notes on the various factors you identified. Or each group member could answer one or two of the questions, trying to be as thorough as possible, and then you could work to collate your answers into a whole.

1. What is the issue/problem you are trying to solve?
2. Why is the issue/problem of concern now?
3. Where does the issue/problem exist?
4. Who are the main stakeholders?
5. How might we respond to the issue/problem on a policy level?