Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI)

Logic Model and Evaluation Plan

City Of Seattle Office Of City Auditor

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City Council Request

- "The City Auditor will develop a Logic Model as the first step in the development of an evaluation strategy."

- "The Evaluation Strategy should include an evaluation of the overall initiative and at least two of the current SYVPI program areas, with estimated costs and timeline to conduct these evaluations. It should also include a recommendation on whether to continue with the comparison city evaluation SYVPI staff was working on with the UCLA School of Public Health."

Methodology

- Collaborative Process – SYVPI officials provided significant input on our draft report. We reviewed materials from when SYVPI was implemented as well as current program materials.

- Technical Assistance –
  - **Edward Banks, Ph.D.**, Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance, US Department of Justice
  - **Michelle Arciaga Young**, Senior Research Associate, National Gang Center, provided through Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, US Department of Justice

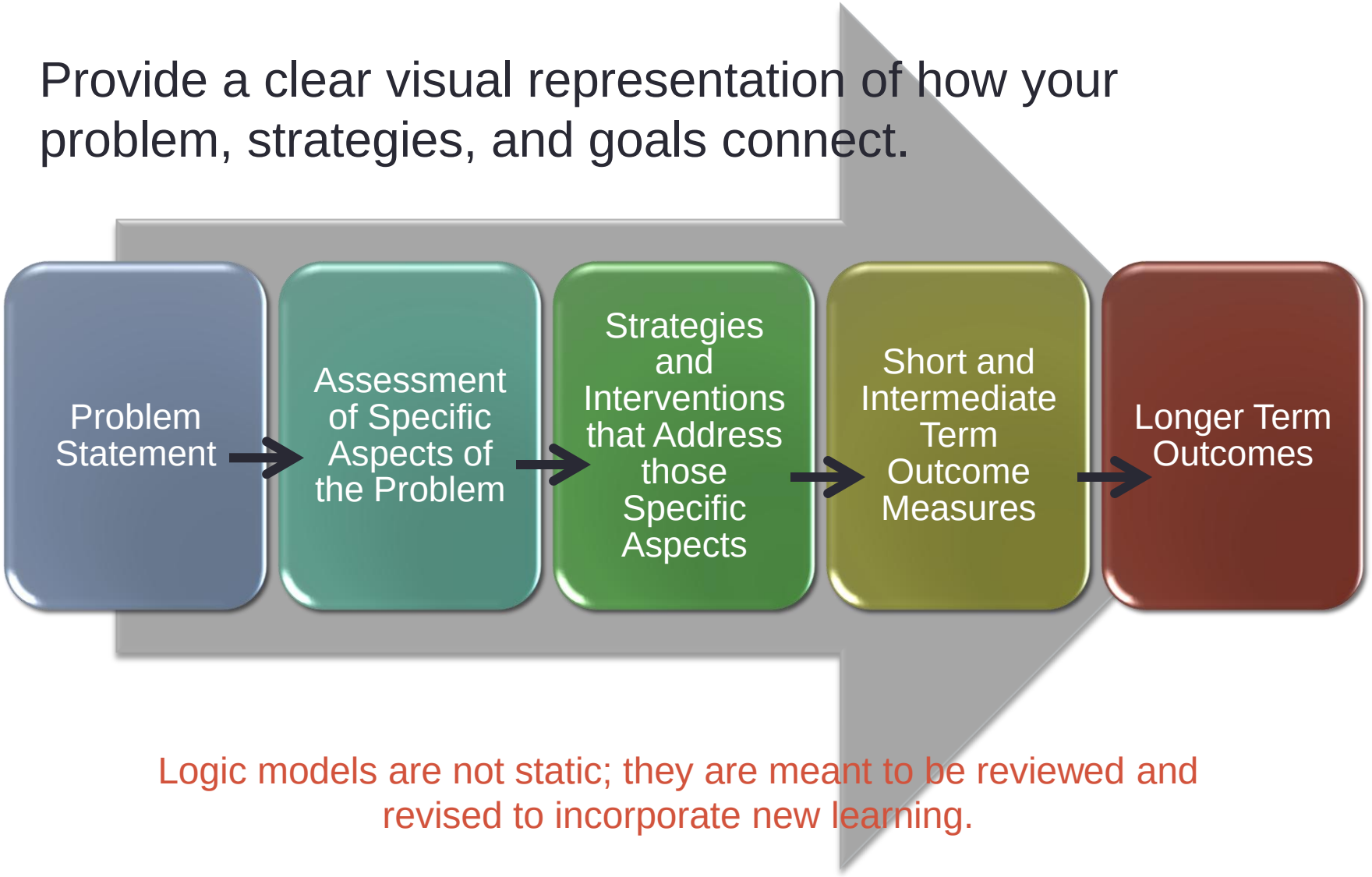
- Other Jurisdictions – We reviewed materials from over 20 violence prevention initiatives and met with officials from Tacoma and King County regarding their youth violence prevention efforts.

Evaluation Terminology

Is the program effective?

Logic Models

Provide a clear visual representation of how your problem, strategies, and goals connect.



Logic models are not static; they are meant to be reviewed and revised to incorporate new learning.

SYVPI Logic Model

SYVPI was developed without a logic model; we constructed this one in working sessions with SYVPI staff and based on SYVPI planning materials and contracts.

Problem Statement

"The violent injury or death of even one young person is too much."

Assessment

Central, Southeast, and Southwest Seattle most affected by youth violence.

In these three areas there were 469 juvenile court referrals and 615 middle school suspensions and expulsions for violence in 2007.

Strategies/ Interventions

Establish Networks to build community capacity for change.

Provide services for youth at highest risk (mentoring, street outreach, employment, case mgt, etc.)

Place police officers in middle schools.

Outcomes Short/Med

-New partnerships
-# youth involved in community based projects

-Length of engagement of youth in services – # of youth achieving goals in their plans

--# of youth SYVPI service referrals

Longer Term Outcomes

50% reduction in juvenile court referrals for crimes against persons in Network areas and
50% reduction in middle school suspensions and expulsions in Network areas

"within the first year of operation"

Questions Raised

Our report raises 13 questions about SYVPI. They basically fall into two categories:

- **Is the SYVPI program design sound?**

- **Does SYVPI track the right information to know whether it is effective?**

Proposed 2013 Evaluation Strategy

	What	Who	Timing	Estimated Budget
Overall Initiative	**1. Evaluation Readiness Review**	City Auditor and Research Partner	Up to 9 months from contract	$125,000
Components	**2. Street Outreach**	City Auditor and Research Partner plus technical assistance from National Gang Center	9-12 months from contract	$ 75,000
Components	**3. School Emphasis Officers**	City Auditor and Research Partner	9-12 months from contract	$100,000

Thank You

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