



Weekly Field Placement Journal

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Week of: 1/28/2013-2/03/2013

Hours worked this week: 12

Total hours this semester: 513.5

Describe meaningful *learning activities/experiences* for this past week.

This week I meet with individuals from the city of Chattanooga Personal department along with members of the city's legal division and discussed current city policies which discriminate against individuals with disabilities. We discussed options that could be implemented to help alleviate current issues the city is facing. I also worked with a client who was facing a crisis in his life and needed guidance in finding the appropriate resources that could assist him. The client was mentally challenged and was unaware of the options afforded to him and he was also having difficulties concerning his living conditions and did not know who to contact. He was given the correct information and we assisted him in making contact with the agencies he needed.

1. Analyze experiences you engaged in this week that challenged you to use what you've learned in a social work course including:

a. Describe how learning experiences fulfilled *practice behaviors*.

Meeting with the city's personal department and the city's legal department in an effort to change city policy helped me work towards Competency 5: Advance human rights and social and economic justice-Design and implement social action strategies. It also helped me work towards competency 10: Engage, intervene, and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.- Initiate culturally responsive relationships with key stakeholders across systems. Dealing with the client that was facing a crisis of housing issues helped me work towards competency 4: Engage diversity and difference in practice-Develop and implement proactive strategies for ameliorating discrimination.

b. Discuss how you implemented learning from class work.

During both our first and second year of the MSW program we completed the every so dreaded video interview's. These video simulations helped me gain a lot more confidence when talking to individuals in groups. During my meeting with the city I felt more at ease and I remembered thinking back to a comment made to me by a professor concerning the way you dress when dealing with individuals. The professor told me that the reason they wanted us to dress professionally in the videos is because you actually talk and handle yourself in a more professional manner and it gives you more confidence. As I thought about this I realized it

was true and I was in fact more comfortable and felt more professional during the conversation.

2. Describe areas of growth or concern to address during supervision.

This week was spent more on getting ready for the upcoming relapse prevention group. I had to ensure that all the material was available for the class and that each participant was notified again. I also reviewed each client's case file to ensure that I was aware of their issues before starting the group. Working with my field supervisor is dealing with the individual that needed help with several issues gave me another outlook on the job. While doing this practicum and during the last year in class we switched from case management mode to clinical mode. This case helped me realize that many times we must bounce between the two in some situations. This was a great learning experience for me.

3. Supervisor comments:

Student Signature

Date

Field Instructor

Date