



PRACTICUM JOURNAL 2

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The month of October has been very productive for me. While I got off to a very slow start in September, I spent majority of my time in September really trying to understand how to make sense of my findings. However, by October, I already have an idea of what I was looking for and just began from where I left of. What I found most interesting about my findings are that they mirror each other---they provided similar scope of ethical principles. On the other hand, they all offer a unique perspective into ethics in their respective disciplines. I have now at this point compiled a list of things that I thought are relevant to CARP and provided a summary to Carla. I spent some time reading through literature to understand the importance of ethical codes to human services, however, very little resources currently existed. This month has been a month of growth, development and opportunity to reflect on how the code of ethics are to be used. I really find it enlightening the fact that my attention was brought to the danger of technology and the consequence for practicing community rehabilitation workers. It was eye opening in the sense that I was forced to think much broader than I typically do when it comes to communication devices and technology. I am, after all, a big supporter of using technology to advance the quality of life of vulnerable people. Where it becomes challenging for me is when we start to use it to coerce people into doing things they are unwilling to do. Yes, we all want a good quality of life for people, but we can't have that when we jeopardize families, or adult's rights. It very much begins with guaranteeing people's rights first and then going from there. I think this particular issue really speaks to that idea of dysfunctionality within human services professions. So thinking and talking about it really was productive for me. The biggest obstacle I faced this month was

trying to get that ethics book that Carla had recommended. I was unable to get that book from the publisher, the places that was recommended to me. So problem solving around that was challenging. Other than that, October was a good traction month for me. I am now at a stage in my project where I am begging to look at where my recommendation fits in CARP. We had went over it once, however, I was unable to listen and write things down. I am having difficulty with that, but now I had told Carla and she had agreed to meet to go over the material again. In the meantime, I am collecting information for each of the heading that I had recommended. In term of my own development process, this practicum so far has been enriching for me. I had never undertaken a project of this kind before, so it is a very unique expectation I have for myself and how I am conducting my research. In term of whether I am meeting my target, I feel like I am. I am working towards developing those skills. Still, learning to ask for help and knowing what I need help with is often hard for me. So I have concluded that it is never a bad thing to check in with Carla to see if I am meeting her expectation on this project so far. This will provide me an opportunity to see if there are things that I am not doing that I should be.