## Project Ideas for Student Placements

The following are some examples of projects that Faculty of Health students can support during a placement and which can be conceived of or transition to a virtual format. Specific focus of the project will depend on the knowledge and skills associated with the students’ program of study.

**COVID-19 Related Projects**

* Develop and maintain a resource page to keep staff and clients informed
* Review and update relevant policies and procedures
* Capture the organization’s response and reaction to COVID-19 in a summary and make recommendations

**Transition to Virtual/Remote Engagement**

* Develop policies and procedures related to remote working (e.g. privacy, access, etc.)
* Facilitate virtual alternatives to services/programs (e.g. virtual tutoring, friendly visits, exercise class, etc.)
* Organize an online/virtual conference or event (e.g. health fair, workshop, etc.)
* Increase online engagement with clients and general public (e.g. social media)
* Review and update websites with appropriate content
* Establish a blog that can later be sustained by volunteers (e.g. to encourage thought leadership)

**Organizational Development Projects**

* Review and update infection prevention & control policies and procedures
* Develop a new policy and associated procedures by consolidating existing policies
* Hold focus groups to review proposed policy changes and seek feedback for improvement
* Support training and professional development for staff
* Develop other resource toolkits/guides (e.g. pamphlets, handbooks, educational materials)
* Identify available grants and support writing process
* Conduct environmental scans or situational assessments of areas of interest
* Develop program evaluation plan and support evaluation process
* Support client experience improvement (e.g. develop and distribute a survey)
* Develop fact sheets, Instagram animation, infographics, ideas related to the organization’s programs
* Create electronic data transfer system for medical claims, user experience, middle and back end
* Program with SQL for performance analysis
* Electronic Health Records– deploy and post implementation of EHR in workflow processes and change, trouble shoot electronic health record access with patients, input and validation of data

**Collaborative Projects with Other Organizations**

* Establish a network or community of practice
* Develop a shared resource with best practices (e.g. with tools for practitioners)
* Facilitate collaboration around specific projects, initiatives, events (e.g. Black History Month)

**Research Projects**

* Recruit participants for research studies
* Develop and distribute surveys (e.g. client experience)
* Analyze themes from qualitative interviews and write briefing notes
* Assist with writing abstracts, manuscripts and reports
* Design academic posters and prepare presentations
* Support grant applications and research budgeting
* Complete literature review on a given topic
* Support Knowledge Translation/Mobilization efforts

**“Backburner” or “Passion” Projects**

* Develop a student or volunteer manual (including onboarding process, resources, etc.)
* Develop an online resource library for the organization

**“Wicked Problems”/Challenges/Innovation**

* Help develop innovative solutions to complex problems
* Host a hackathon or bootcamp to encourage innovation in the organization