

**Practicum Paper Assignments**

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**1. Gateway Community Development Corporation (Jennifer)**

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Gateway Community Development Corporation (CDC) seeks to revitalize the three municipalities of Mount Rainier, Brentwood and North Brentwood to create a safe, attractive, vibrant and well-educated community enriched by the presence of artists and arts organizations, where diversity is embraced as an asset. Gateway CDC uses civic engagement, arts resources and leveraged partnerships to advance commercial and residential development and expand programs and services to residents and business owners in our communities. Formed in 1997.

**2. CASA of Maryland (Natasha, David)**

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CASA of Maryland is a community organization that was founded in 1985 by Central American refugees and North Americans. CASA was created in response to the human needs of the thousands of Central Americans arriving to the D.C. area after fleeing wars and civil strife in their countries of origin. While CASA was established to meet the special needs of the Central American population, we serve immigrants from virtually every country in Latin America, as well as Africans, Asians and U.S. citizens, as needed.

**3. Advocacy Institute (Erinn, Yan)**

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Founded in 1985, the Advocacy Institute works to make social justice leadership strategic, effective, and sustainable in pursuit of a just world.

**4. Inter-American Development Bank (Guillermo, Ana Luiza)**

Various units are promoting good governance and more inclusive, deeper democracy in Latin America.

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#### 5. The World Bank (**Bob, Billy, Chunli**)

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“Participation and Civic Engagement Team” under Social Development Department in the World Bank. The team works on civic empowerment issues including civic engagement in public expenditure management. <http://www.worldbank.org/participation/web/index.htm>

#### 6. AmericaSpeaks (**Karla**)

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AmericaSpeaks ([www.americaspeaks.org](http://www.americaspeaks.org)) organizes large-scale public deliberations, including the Listening to the City events (which are an integral part of Washington, DC's annual budget process), and the deliberations on rebuilding the World Trade Center site, which caused the whole plan to be fundamentally changed. This would be a good group for anyone who is interested in deliberation--from a practical perspective.

#### 7. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (**Carlos, Gabi, Shanti**)

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Program to integrate patient advocates into the process for determining Medicare coverage (reimbursement) of new medical technologies.

Six to twelve patient/public advocates would be selected through the standard nomination process to be members of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC). Each panel chosen to address a specific question regarding the evidence supporting a new health technology would have an advocate assigned. Patient advocate representatives could also be convened as a stand-alone subcommittee to address specific patient-centered issues. In addition, CMS staff could consult with individual participants from the selected pool on an ad-hoc basis. The representatives of the public would be trained by CMS in the coverage process and assessment of clinical evidence to effectively participate on the MCAC panel vis-à-vis clinical and methods experts. Clinical evidence is set against a background of values and judgment. The proposal has the potential to stimulate evidence-based dialogue on controversial issues by explicitly incorporating patient viewpoints and a broad societal perspective as a backdrop for CMS coverage decisions. Enhanced quality and acceptability of our decisions may result. If successful, the program could be expanded to other policy areas.

#### 8. Center for Islam and Democracy (**Myra, Anamika, Mary, Laryssa**)

**9. Citizens for Global Solutions (Tony, Paul)**

Citizens works to educate Americans about their rights and responsibilities as global citizens: “We envision a future in which nations work together to abolish war, protect our rights and freedoms, and solve the problems confronting humanity that no nation can solve alone. This vision requires effective democratic global institutions and norms that apply the rule of law while respecting the diversity and autonomy of national and local communities.”

**10. Lake Barcroft Community Organization (Becca, Mike, Jeremy)**

**11. Democratization in Afghanistan (Ghafoor)**