

Mentor Visit Assessment #4

Date: March 6th, 2018

Mentor Name: Dr. Azra Jagani

Topics Discussed: Observation of Pediatrics

On March 6th of 2018, I took part in my fourth overall mentor visit with Dr. Jagani. While this mentor visit was the first one I conducted with Dr. Jagani, I now have a strong, set idea of what I need to accomplish in the next month while she is traveling in order to set myself up for success in the best way possible for my final product. Dr. Jagani and I met for 45 minutes, and we discussed not just the necessities of the handbook, but also her take on my Final Product proposal and how to best gain information on whether or not collaboration is truly pertinent to the quality of care or security received by a patient.

During our visit, I showed Dr. Jagani some of the articles I have been annotating for my secondary research on collaboration. At this point in time, I am annotating two separate groups of articles to help me develop my argument. I am annotating articles on the actions and purpose of pediatrics as well as articles on how clinics across the country implement collaboration differently to better the experience of their patients in their workplace. During the visit, Dr. Jagani specified that I need to be looking to volunteer at Children's medical center as well as observing her at the office, because the hospital environment versus the office environment when it comes to pediatrics vary greatly. The office environment, which is the environment of Dr. Jagani's profession, is much more closed off, because the doctor is not necessarily working with a team, because the doctor works with the nurse, but has a more direct influence on the patient. The hospital environment, however, fits more of the team profile, because many patients require a team of specialists to work with them, not just one doctor. While both qualify to meet the definition of collaboration, they both take very different approaches. By explaining this to me, I was able to understand that by only observing in the office setting, I would not be fully seeing the impact of collaboration on pediatrics. Without completing a complete profile of research, there would be gaps in the central ideas of my final product. After this mentor visit, I have set a series of goals for myself for spring break in order to gain some perspective on the hospital. Over the course of the next week, I will be reaching out to professionals at Children's Medical Center for informational interviews. By scheduling more informational interviews with hospital professionals, I can gain more information for my survey that I am using. By taking Dr. Jagani's advice and gaining some insight into the hospital environment of pediatrics, I can positively create more connections in my field of interest and gain a complete view of collaboration in pediatrics.

Overall, the first mentor visit with Dr. Azra Jagani was eye-opening, and it enabled me to see that there are many environments that pediatrics takes place in. This

fact means I need to survey and observe multiple environments, and see the overlaps. Going into the next week, I hope to finish my Final Product Essay outline, begin my research portfolio, and schedule at least one informational interview with Children's Medical Center in order to begin gaining some primary experience in the hospital setting, which will be my focus this month.