**My practicum at Hospice Palliative Care Ontario:**

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### Hospice Palliative Care Ontario

**HPCO is a provincial association of hospice and palliative care providers, professionals, and support workers**

**Our Purpose**

To create a future where everyone has access to quality hospice palliative care

**Our Values**

To Unify the voice of collaborative, quality, hospice palliative care within Ontario

**Our Mission**

Providing leadership through informing of policy, promoting awareness, education, best practices and knowledge transfer

### Policy Analyst Project

The overarching objective of the project is to understand the current implications to hospice residences in being designated “health service providers” (HSP) by the Ministry of Health.

**ACCOUNTABILITY AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN:**

WATERLOO WELLINGTON LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

and

HOSPICE WELLINGTON

For Residential Hospices that choose to receive Funding from the LHIN

**My Responsibilities:**

- Develop a briefing note on relevant legislation
- Conduct a policy analysis report

### Assignment | Key Tasks | Deliverable
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Background & Literature research | • Collecting information from hospice residences, legislation, and accountability agreements 
• Establish a map of current accountabilities related to hospice residence | • Conduct Briefing Note  
• Conduct Policy Report

Interpretation & Analysis | • Analyzing information from different hospice residences, legislation, and accountability agreements | • Conduct Briefing Note  
• Conduct Policy Report

### Significance of Work

**HSP Policy Analyst Project Significance:**

- Information gathered regarding accountability for current hospice care and hospice residences in being designated “health service providers” is critical to assist in decision-making
- Collecting, assessing, and interpreting legislation helps provide the organization with better understanding of hospice care delivery

### Reflection

Working at HPCO was a unique experience because...

1. It was my first real life health work experience
2. I’ve established my own independence by having the flexibility in my approach of work
3. I’ve learn to be direct and concise within my interpretation of research because time is critical

### Advice for Future Students

- Communication is key
- Take initiative; reach out and connect with people
- Be confident in your work
- Don’t be afraid to ask questions when you’re at crossroads
- Manage your time; meet deadlines, a calendar