SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR SUPERVISION

• Thorough orientation to the agency, employees, standard operations, dress code, etc.

• Professional boundaries with co-workers and clients

• Communication, styles of communication, active listening

• Discussion of current or past courses taken and how that connects with practicum tasks and experiences

• How does theory taught in classroom translate to the “real world of social work”

• The overwhelming feeling that hits the student at the beginning of practicum and how to manage the integration of an abundance of new information

• Assessment and Treatment Planning

• The NASW Code of Ethics, broken down in sections and applied to current practicum situations, hypothetical situations, or past client/agency situations

• Confidentiality issues, HIPPA

• Journal articles or readings that relate to the practicum placement or populations served at the practicum agency

• Use of journaling to process feelings in practicum

• Transference and Counter-Transference issues that may develop when working with clients

• Self-Disclosure with clients, (when to and when not to)

• Cultural and diversity issues within the agency and when working with clients

• Burnout and compassion fatigue, what it looks like, how do I know if I have it, and what can I do to overcome it

• Colleague relationships in the practicum setting

• Resources and referrals

• Intervention techniques

• Bureaucracies and agency organization
• Positive feedback, constructive criticism and **clear expectations**