Community Service Project Guidelines

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Community Service Project is to provide students an opportunity to make a connection to the communities they serve by enhancing their knowledge of community identified health needs and concerns.

**Instructions:** Identify a project in consultation with your preceptor. The project should be beneficial to your target audience and identified as a need. Consider the following when identifying a project.

- Identify a target audience/community based on the overall health of the community.
- What are some of the health concerns of the community?
- What type of resources might help the community address their health concerns?
- Is your proposed project appropriate for your audience? (race/ethnicity, age, gender, religious beliefs, literacy level, etc.)
- What resources are currently developed or available that may assist you? (curriculum, health education resources, health promotion calendars, etc.)
- Be realistic! All projects should be completed during the timeframe of your rotation.

Please complete the Community Service Project Proposal form and return it via email to tnahec@gmail.com by the end of the **first week of your rotation**. The Clerkship Director, Dr. Ruth Stewart (rstewart@mmc.edu), and the AHEC Coordinator, Charlotte Woods (cawoods@mmc.edu) are available to consult with you regarding your project.

At the end of your rotation you will complete a reflection paper that discusses the outcome of your project and your overall clinical experience. Please reference the reflection paper guidelines for additional details.

**Selected Resources:**

- **National Health Observance 2011 Calendar** (National Health Information Center)  
- **Patient Education Information** (American Academy of Family Physicians)  
- **Tar Wars, A Tobacco-free Education Program** (American Academy of Family Physicians)  
  [http://www.tarwars.org/online/tarwars/home.html](http://www.tarwars.org/online/tarwars/home.html)
- **Healthy People 2020**  
  [http://www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov)

**Grading rubric:**

- Approval request was turned in week one of clerkship: **10 points**
- All documentation of the project are returned by the last day of the clerkship: **10 points**
- The project demonstrates the student’s thoughtfulness of community needs: **20 points**
- The project demonstrates creativity and the unique interests of the student: **20 points**
- The project reflects the appropriateness for the target audience: **20 points**
- The project quality reflects the time allotted (2 days per week) for completion: **20 points**