

QUESTIONS FOR ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING

Directions: All groups will discuss and answer questions #1, #2, #7, and #8. Each small group will be assigned one (or more) questions from #3-6. We will discuss #9 and #10 in a large group following the small group presentations. If your group has “extra” time in your discussion, please consider your answers to questions #9 and #10.



1. Identify the **ethical dilemma/issue**. What **other information** might be needed or useful in your discussion?
2. What are the **client family's interests** and/or need for **service**?
3. What are the **social justice** issues in this situation?
4. What are the issues related to the **dignity and worth of the person**?
5. What **human relationships** are at stake here?
6. Are there issues of **integrity** and **honesty**? How might personal bias, values, beliefs, or needs affect your decision-making?
7. Is this ethical decision within your scope of **professional competence**? If not, to whom can you refer the situation? If not, what else would you need to learn in order to be competent to make this decision? If so, what documentation would you offer to support your level of professional competence with this issue?
8. Does the **law, regulation or policy** indicate what should be done? If so, what?
9. What is your recommended **course of action** that would support the findings of your discussion?
10. What are the possible **consequences** of this action? Does the likely consequences change your course of action?