

## Analyzing Ethical Dilemma

**Ethical Dilemma:** Company deciding not to call Adult Public Services over an assisted living facility that is not caring for resident and not keeping up with Health code.

### **Stakeholders and Values:**

Self: Due diligence to patient; social work competence

Client: Right to health and prosperity

Public: Right to knowledge and safety

Agency: Duty to self-preservation, competence, and responsibility to workers and patients

### **Additional Information:**

Health code and confidentiality

### **What theory was used:**

Ethics of Care (Gilligan); honesty; altruism; respect; caring and helping

### **Sections of Code of Ethics relevant to dilemma:**

- 1.01 Commitment to clients
- 2.03 Interdisciplinary collaboration
- 2.05 Consultation
- 2.09 Commitment to employees
- 4.04 Dishonesty, Fraud, and Deception
- 5.01 Integrity of the Profession

### **Brainstorm Options:**

Option 1 : Call DPS on own

Likely advantages: anonymously; fulfilling mandated reporting

Likely disadvantages: agency discouraged

Option 2: Do nothing

Likely advantages: playing role as intern

Likely disadvantages: safety problems persist

Option 3: Go to Agency and discuss options

Likely advantages: learning options

Likely disadvantages: pass 24 hour mandated reporting window

### **Resolution:**

Mandated reporting on own

Discuss with agency of change of agency policy to promote mandated reporting