Handout #4: Questions to Ask When Your RadarBeeps

What questions should we ask ourselves if our radar beeps with clients and peers?

- Is this in the client's or peer's best interest?
- Is there a policy that guides this?
- Whose needs are being served? Mine or the client's/ peer's?
- Am I benefiting from this situation?
- Am I treating this client or peer differently than others?
- Will this have an impact on the service I am delivering?
- How might this situation be viewed by the client's or peer's family?
- Should I discuss this with another volunteer, a staff or my organizational supervisor?
- Might this be a liability issue for the agency?
- Is the client or peer drawing me into something that does not feel right?
- If I was the client or peer, would I want this?

What questions should we ask ourselves if our radar beeps with fellow volunteers?

- Does this situation feel right?
- Is there a policy that guides this?
- Am I being treated fairly?
- Am I benefiting from this situation?
- Will this have an impact on the service or task I am delivering?
- How might this situation be viewed by other volunteers, by staff or by people outside theagency?
- Should I discuss this with a fellow volunteer, or my staff supervisor?
- Might this be a liability issue for the agency?