HEALTH ETHICS SEMINAR

THE CURIOUS CASE OF AHS HOMECARE VERSUS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: A (RE)QUEST FOR ETHICS

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Alberta Health Services’ decision to reduce the number of homecare service providers in Alberta from 72 to 13 in June 2013 disrupted the lives of hundreds of elderly and disabled Albertans, jeopardizing both their well-being and safety. It also threatened to set back the Independent Living Movement by circa 40 years, thus negating the life’s work of a generation of Canadians with disabilities who fought for the right to live independently in the community and direct their own homecare services.

The intended objectives of this seminar are:

1. To identify specific ethical gaps that occurred during this episode, from both a Health Ethics and a Disability Ethics perspective.
2. To examine the ways in which the classical disconnect between the Medical Model and the Social Model of Disability underpins and exacerbates the conflict that characterized this episode.
3. To consider ways in which ethical considerations might be more systematically incorporated into future contract vetting processes.

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