

San Diego County Adult and Older Adult MHS Welcoming and Access Policy for Persons with Co-occurring Disorders

Purpose:

To welcome individuals with co-occurring disorders and provide integrated mental health and substance abuse services and supports

Procedure:

1. Those individuals who are identified as having both a mental health disorder and substance abuse disorder shall be welcomed at every County or County-contracted Mental Health program. The welcome shall be documented in program brochures that describe services at the site or in any other way the program broadcasts its array of services.
2. The welcoming response shall convey recognition of the necessity to address treatment of the co-occurring disorders simultaneously in order to effect the most successful and desirable treatment outcomes.
3. Appropriate plans and arrangements for the integrated treatment of co-occurring conditions shall be evident in clients' medical records at the Mental Health program site and available to clients. The treatment may occur on the MH treatment site or in conjunction with an Alcohol or Drug treatment or recovery services provider.
4. Henceforward, language reflecting the County's commitment to the Continuous, Comprehensive, and Integrated System of Care (CCISC) model shall be incorporated into every AMH RFP.
5. Language acknowledging co-occurring disorders in our target population shall be integrated into adult Statements of Work at their inception and at every revision where it is absent.