

ASAM Technical Assistance Series

Conversations with Scott Boyles

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Disclaimers

- *Alignment with The ASAM Criteria is required of drug and alcohol treatment providers that receive funding for providing treatment services under agreements with Single County Authorities and/or Managed Care Organizations.*
- *DDAP stresses the importance of reviewing the ASAM Criteria text in its entirety, attending the ASAM two-day training, and reviewing the resources available through DDAP including trainings and documents.*

Learning Objectives

- Discuss internal supports and considerations for implementation of the ASAM Criteria
- Discuss Co-Occurring Capable and Co-Occurring Enhanced Services
 - Discuss 12 key elements of Co-Occurring Capability
 - Discuss Co-Occurring Enhanced Service Characteristics



Outstanding Question from July's Webinar

Q&A is posted to DDAP's [ASAM Transition \(pa.gov\)](#) page.



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Internal Supports and Supervision Around the Criteria

- Measures-How do we know we're using the ASAM Criteria as intended
- **Useful** Policy and Procedures- Assessment, LOC Determination, Continued Stay, Transfer and Discharge, Treatment Plans
- Standardized record review and coaching/feedback
- Patient staffing revolves around the dimensions, LOC decision rules, etc....

"What's measured is improved" Peter Drucker

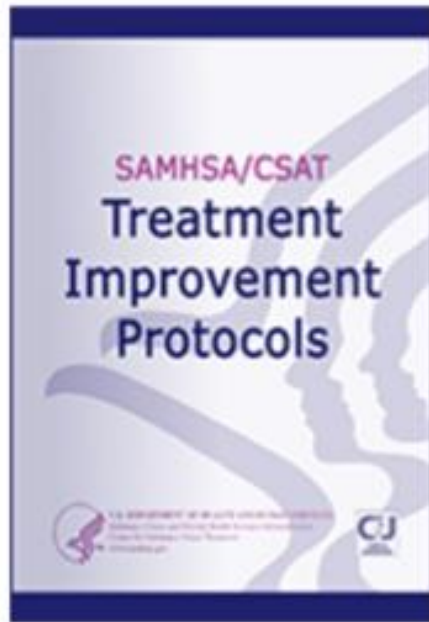
Co-occurring and Complexity Capable Services

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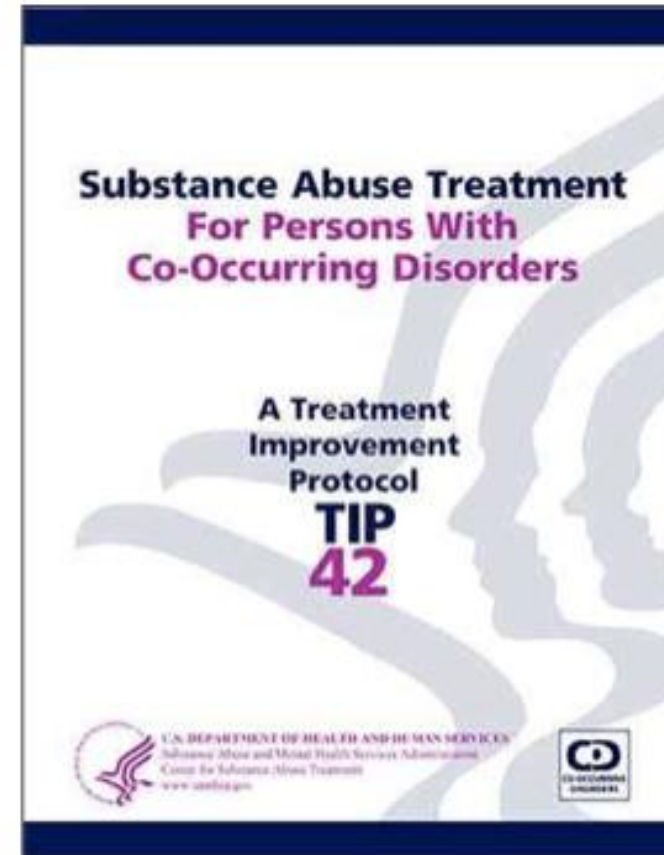
- **Co-occurring capable**
 - Treatment programs that address mental and substance use disorders
- **Co-occurring enhanced**
 - Treatment programs that address mental and substance use disorders, integrating services to address unstable mental health and addictive conditions
- **Complexity capable**
 - Services for co-occurring addictive and mental health conditions, with cultural and linguistic diversity, as well as medical, legal, trauma, parenting, and other issues



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**TIP No. 9
Assessment
and
Treatment of
Patients with
Coexisting
Mental Illness
and
Alcohol
and
Other Drug Abuse**
SAMHSA 1994



First Printed **2005**
Revised 2007, 2008, 2011,
2012, 2013 and **2020**

Co-occurring Capable

An approach in which an addiction treatment program welcomes patients with co-occurring conditions with empathy and compassion and provides integrated services for mental health symptom management as part of routine operations.

12 Key Elements

of Co-occurring Capability

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1. Welcoming patients with co-occurring conditions.
2. Screening, identifying and documenting the presence of any co-occurring conditions.....
3. Collaborating with any existing MH treatment providers....
4. Arranging additional MH or psychiatric assessments..
5. Engaging patients with integrated treatment teams that are coordinated in their efforts.....
6. Identifying the stage of change that patients are in regarding their MH concerns, providing stage-matched interventions.

12 Key Elements

of Co-occurring Capability (cont.)

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7. Helping patients learn about their MH concerns and interventions to help effectively manage....
8. Helping patients learn basic skills for managing MH symptoms and how to utilize peer supports...
9. Helping patients with skills to work effectively with prescribers...
10. Incorporate routine discussion of co-occurring concerns into programming....
11. Developing a culture supportive of co-occurring recovery...
12. Ensuring that transition planning addresses continuing co-occurring MH needs..

Co-occurring Enhanced (COE)

An addiction treatment program that has enhanced resources to routinely serve patients who have more serious co-occurring mental health or cognitive conditions-that is, conditions that are more acute or associated with more serious disabilities-but who are still able to successfully participate in addiction and mental health treatment services if provided with appropriate symptom management assistance and functional supports.

Co-occurring Enhanced (COE)-Service Characteristics

- Higher staff to client ratios
- Smaller group size
- More staff with MH expertise
- Accommodate patients with significant behavioral problems
- Patients with more severe co-occurring conditions
- Severe mood disorders
- Intense bipolar spectrum disorders
- Schizophrenia disorders, including those with psychotic features
- Significant dissociative disorders
- Severe trauma-related or anxiety disorders, with flashbacks/overwhelming emotional instability

**Additional
questions?**



Question Submission and Future Topics

- Suggestions for future webinar topics
- Questions should be submitted 10 days in advance of the webinar

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Thank you!



Reminder

Next TA Call = Monday September 9, 2024

10:00am

Topic =Continue Series with Scott

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