

Attitudes toward Clients with Co-occurring Disorders

Agency Directors Questionnaire

Date _____

ID _____

Agency _____

We are interested in learning about your attitudes and experiences with clients who have co-occurring disorders. Here, a "co-occurring disorder client" means a client with a substance abuse problem and a mental health problem. Your responses will be kept confidential.

1. What is your age? _____
2. What is your sex? _____ female _____ male
3. How long have you been in your current position? _____ years _____ months
4. What is your highest level of education completed?
 - _____ Completed two-year degree program
 - _____ Completed undergraduate degree
 - _____ Completed masters degree
 - _____ Completed PhD
 - _____ Completed MD

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5. How would you rate the training/education experiences of your staff regarding co-occurring disorder clients to date? Please circle the number that best reflects your answer.

Great		Reasonable		Lacking
5	4	3	2	1

If your reply was not "great", what barriers—if any— exist that make this difficult to improve? _____

6. To what extent do you think the experiences and training of your staff have lead you to understand the special treatment needs of co-occurring disorder clients? Please circle the number that best reflects your answer.

Solid Understanding		Some Understanding		No Understanding
5	4	3	2	1

If your reply was not "solid understanding", what barriers—if any—exist that make this difficult to improve? _____

7. Some treatment staff believe that substance abuse treatment should precede mental health treatment. Others believe that mental health treatment should precede substance abuse treatment. Please check the response below that best identifies, in your opinion, the overall position of your staff.

- Substance abuse treatment should always come first.
- Substance abuse treatment should usually come first.
- Substance abuse and mental health treatment should occur together.
- Mental health treatment should usually come first.
- Mental health treatment should always come first.

What barriers exist—if any—that make this difficult to change from the way that things are currently done? _____

For questions 8-22, please mark the response that best matches how much you disagree or agree with the following statements today.

8a. In your treatment center, co-occurring disorder clients should be in their own treatment groups.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

8b. In your treatment center, co-occurring disorder clients are in their own treatment groups.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you believe that co-occurring clients should be in their own treatment groups, what barriers—if any—are preventing this from actually happening? _____

When answering the next few questions, please try to compare typical clients with co-occurring disorders to clients without co-occurring disorders.

9a. Clients in my agency with co-occurring disorders require significantly more time for treatment.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

9b. Clients in my agency with co-occurring disorders receive significantly more time for treatment.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you feel that clients with co-occurring disorders require significantly more time for treatment than they are receiving, what barriers—if any—are preventing this from improving? _____

10a. Clients in my agency with co-occurring disorders require significantly more effort for treatment.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

10b. Clients in my agency with co-occurring disorders receive significantly more effort for treatment.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you feel that clients with co-occurring disorders require more effort for treatment than they are receiving, what barriers—if any—prevent this from improving? _____

11a. Clients in my agency with co-occurring disorders are believed to be significantly more disruptive by my staff.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

11b. Clients in my agency with co-occurring disorders are significantly more disruptive for my staff.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you feel that your staff believes that clients with co-occurring disorders are more disruptive than they actually are, what barriers—if any—exist in eradicating this belief? _____

12a. Clients with co-occurring disorders tend to make treatment for others more difficult in the opinion of my staff.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

12b. Clients with co-occurring disorders tend to make treatment for others more difficult in the opinion of other clients.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

13. The Mental Health professional staff in our locality understand addiction interventions.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you do not “strongly agree” with item #13, what barriers—if any—make this difficult to improve?

14. My agency's Substance Abuse professional staff understand mental health interventions.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you do not "strongly agree" with this statement, what barriers—if any—make this difficult to improve?

15a. I am familiar with information regarding current best practice interventions for co-occurring disorders.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you do not "strongly agree" with this statement, what barriers—if any—make this difficult to improve?

15b. Information regarding current best practice interventions for co-occurring disorders is available to the staff at my agency.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you do not "strongly agree" with this statement, what barriers—if any—make this difficult to improve?

16. I support my staff's efforts to improve/enhance their treatment and intervention expertise regarding co-occurring disorders.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you do not "strongly agree" with this statement, what barriers—if any—exist that make this difficult to improve?

17. I have someone I can count on in my agency who can support my staff in their work with co-occurring disorder clients.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you do not “strongly agree” with this statement, what barriers—if any—exist that make this difficult to improve?_____

18. I would implement a plan for dual diagnosis training at my agency.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If barriers exist that prevent this from happening currently, what are they?_____

19a. I would support a plan for dual diagnosis certification through our state licensing boards.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

19b. I would support a plan for dual diagnosis certification at the national level.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

What barriers exist—if any—preventing either (or both) of these from happening?_____

19c. If dual diagnosis certification were voluntary, I would require that my staff working with co-occurring disorder clients obtain it.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

20. My agency staff successfully coordinates services with mental health referral agencies to provide optimal treatment for our clients.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you do not “strongly agree” with this statement, what barriers—if any—exist that make this difficult to improve? _____

21. Mental health agencies successfully coordinate services with my substance abuse agency staff to provide optimal treatment for our clients.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

If you do not “strongly agree” with this statement, what barriers—if any—exist that make this difficult to improve? _____

22. The staff at my agency would benefit from continuing education workshops on dual diagnosis.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

23. Please choose only one of the following. Dual diagnosis workshops would be most helpful to staff at this agency if they focused on:

- Diagnosis**
- Treatment**
- Etiology**
- Diagnosis and treatment**
- Etiology, diagnosis, and treatment**

24. Please choose only one of the following. In your experience as a director, the best treatment option for clients with co-occurring disorders would be:

- Sequential treatment (treat one issue and then the other)**
- Simultaneous treatment from separate agencies (substance abuse and mental health issues dealt with at the same time)**
- Integrated treatment for both issues at a substance abuse agency**
- Integrated treatment for both issues at a mental health agency**
- Other (please specify): _____**

Please think of the clients that your staff were responsible for during the last month.

25. What percentage did they refer for mental health evaluation or treatment?

_____ %

26. What percentage of your agency's clients do you think had co-occurring disorders?

_____ %

What barriers—if any—make the information for these two questions difficult to track? _____

27a. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the care that your agency's co-occurring disorder clients receive?

Very Satisfied		Neutral		Very Dissatisfied
5	4	3	2	1

27b. How satisfied or dissatisfied are your staff with the care that your agency's co-occurring disorder clients receive?

Very Satisfied		Neutral		Very Dissatisfied
5	4	3	2	1

If you are not "very satisfied" on both of these questions, what needs to happen to improve care? _____

28. In the state of Iowa, the Department of Public Health regulates substance abuse treatment, and the Department of Human Services regulates mental health treatment. To what extent do different funding and credentialing sources negatively impact the treatment of co-occurring clients at your agency?

Significantly		Moderately		Insignificantly
5	4	3	2	1

PLEASE USE THE NEXT PAGE TO WRITE IN ANY COMMENTS THAT YOU HAVE ABOUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR ABOUT CLIENTS WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS.

