

Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Contract language for all human service contracts, titled

“Co-Occurring Disorders and Integrated Services”:

In accordance with the Department’s emphasis on providing integrated services for people with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, and as part of the initial evaluation of individuals seeking services, the contractor shall use standardized mental health and substance use screening instruments, in the form and manner specified by the department, to facilitate the early and accurate identification of co-occurring disorders. The screening instruments must be administered utilizing welcoming and recovery-oriented engagement techniques. The approach is to be person-centered, with respect for individual’s strengths, hope, and wellness, and in support of the Department’s recovery-oriented approach. The completed screening instruments shall be placed in the person’s treatment chart. Client-level data from the contractor’s administration of these screening instruments shall be reported to the department in a manner and timeframe specified by the department.