

Co-Occurring Initiative Timeline of Events and Milestones

Fall 2005

- CT awarded 5-year SAMHSA-funded Co-Occurring State Incentive Grant (COSIG)
- 2 COSIG pilot sites began work of increasing their co-occurring capability and access to these services

Spring/Summer/Fall 2006

- 30% sample of all DMHAS-operated and funded addiction treatment programs assessed using the Dual Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment (DDCAT) Index
- Screening Pilot, including 30 provider agencies, began
- Mailing to all CEOs with a copy of SAMHSA's TIP 42 on COD
- Mailing to all CEOs with COD Overview Papers 1, 2, and 3 from the National Co-Occurring Center for Excellence (COCE)
- Message from the Office of the Commissioner: "When both conditions are not recognized and treated, recovery is jeopardized"

Winter 2007

- Commissioner's Policy Statement on co-occurring disorders (COD) released
- Infobrief: Standardized Screening for COD
- Co-Occurring State Facilities Workgroup began, including all DMHAS facilities conducting activities to increase their co-occurring capability
- First RFQ for the Co-Occurring Practice Improvement Collaborative (8 MH/SA agencies selected)
- Co-Occurring Academy began through DMHAS' Education and Training Division catalogs of free trainings

Summer 2007

- Statewide MH/SA Standardized Screening Requirement went into effect
- Mailing to all CEOs with several COD posters, created by DMHAS
- Mailing to all CEOs with COD Overview Papers 4 and 5 from COCE

Fall 2007

- Co-Occurring Enhanced Program Guidelines completed, after statewide workgroup process
- Access to Recovery (ATR) Co-Occurring Enhanced IOPs began (25% rate increase) – 16 programs
- DMHAS Recovery Times issue focuses on COD advances statewide

Winter 2008

- Large COD stakeholder meetings held at the Lyceum in Hartford, to get input on the Initiative
- Second RFQ for the Co-Occurring Practice Improvement Collaborative (5 MH/SA agencies selected)

Spring/Summer 2008

- COD Message from OOC: “Inspired”
- Mailing to all CEOs with COD Overview Papers 6, 7, and 8 from COCE
- New Prospects at Regional Network of Programs opened: a 20-bed COD Enhanced Residential Treatment Program in Bridgeport
- New COD Cohort of MSW students began at Southern CT State University (SCSU), which was developed through a collaboration between DMHAS and SCSU

Fall 2008

- DMHAS Recovery Times issue focuses on COD advances statewide
- Infobrief released: “Increasing Co-Occurring Capability: Progress Being Made”
- McAuliffe Center at CT Renaissance opened: a 20-bed COD Enhanced Residential Treatment Program in Waterbury

Winter/Spring 2009

- Integrated Dual Disorders Treatment (IDDT) Fidelity Scales completed at several private non-profit (PNP) Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs): comprehensive reports given to agencies
- DMHAS, DSS, DCF and providers begin working on a COD Policy for the Medicaid Enhanced Care Clinics (ECCs)