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POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CO-OCCURRING CLIENTS AND SERVICES

ADD001

Co-occurring Capable Program – Screening and Assessment

In conjunction with the criteria established in the current revised edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, Patient Placement Criteria, Bullhook Community Health Center has defined itself as a Co-occurring Capable Program. As such, the agency routinely treats individuals who have both, a co-occurring mental and substance use disorder, as long as, the patient’s psychiatric disorder is sufficiently stabilized, and the individual is capable of independent functioning to such a degree that their mental disorder does not interfere with participation in outpatient addiction treatment.

Patients who do not meet these criteria will be screened and referred to an appropriate mental health provider. Referrals are tracked and managed by case managers in the electronic health records and warm hand offs are implemented.

The client is screened using three standard assessment tools and evaluated, in order to gather sufficient data which will identify possible emotional, behavioral, or cognitive conditions or complications to determine appropriate recommendations. In the event that the assessment process is indicative of the need for further evaluation of the patient’s mental health condition, the assessing clinician will obtain a release of information and will coordinate a referral to a mental health professional to achieve this evaluation. The mental health provider and the license addiction counselor will collaborate to provide the most adequate treatment for the client

In the event that a patient reports a previously diagnosed mental health condition, a request for release of records will be obtained so that the Licensed Addiction Counselor may coordinate information and treatment needs with the appropriate mental health professional.

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