



CO-OCCURRING CONDITIONS PROVIDER CONTRACT EXPECTATIONS FY 11/12

All Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) providers are expected to submit an online Annual Assessment regarding Housing/Living Situation and Co-Occurring Conditions, which is due by July 10th of the following Fiscal Year. The assessment asks providers to describe progress made in each of their programs funded by BHCS in the areas of: 1) Co- Occurring Conditions Informed Practice and 2) Housing/Living Situation. The BHCS Quality Improvement focus on Co-Occurring Conditions reflects a commitment to helping clients receive services that address both their mental health and substance use needs. The Co-Occurring Conditions (COC) Initiative is a set of activities that incorporates welcoming, hopeful, recovery-oriented and culturally informed capabilities to serve individuals of all ages with co-occurring conditions (mental health and substance abuse issues).

The Co-Occurring Conditions portion of this assessment will ask providers to describe what, if any, of the following activities they undertook over the past fiscal year within their agency and its BHCS-funded programs. In FY 12/13, providers will be required to operationalize at least one of the following.

- ❖ Implement strategies from the BHCS Welcoming Toolkit
- ❖ Utilize the COMPASS-EZ
- ❖ Implement NIATx strategies
- ❖ Identify Change Agents that participate in Change Agent quarterly meetings
- ❖ Develop a Co-Occurring Conditions Action Plan Statement
- ❖ Collect client/family member input related to COC Informed Practice
- ❖ Attend a Motivational Interviewing training
- ❖ Attend a BHCS sponsored training related to COC practices, i.e. Tobacco Cessation, Medication Management and/or Substance Use Disorders
- ❖ Serve as a member of the COC Quality Improvement Subcommittee and/or Change Agent Planning Team

Please direct any comments or questions about these activities to the Quality Improvement Unit at 510.383.1776 or by email to QI_Info@acbhcs.org