Course Description:
This course will provide an evidence-based update on the diagnosis and treatment for patients with co-occurring substance use disorders (SUD) and mental health disorders, with a focus on both pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions, and the role played by systemic racism in this endeavor.

Target Audience: Community-Based Organizations and ACBH contracted Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Provider staff.

Measurable Learning Objectives:
- Define two term co-occurring disorders and distinguish them from substance-induced psychiatric disorders.
- Identify two statistics on the prevalence of co-occurring disorders; and five characteristics that make diagnosis and treatment of these disorders essential.
- Define and describe three distinctive benefits of Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT).
- List two key clinical aspects of medication management for co-occurring treatments.
- Describe two advantages and disadvantages of single-modality treatments versus multi-modality treatments and distinguish between sequential, parallel, and co-occurring treatments.

About the Presenter:
Lester E. Love, MD was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. He attended undergraduate at The University of Chicago where he was a molecular and theoretical biology major. Dr. Love attended medical school, at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and then completed seven years of residency in both family practice and psychiatry at UCSF. Currently, Dr. Love is Medical Director for Tulare County, California and Core Faculty for the psychiatry and family practice residency programs in the Kaweah Delta Health Care District, University of California, Irvine affiliate. He also serves as the Medical Lead for our AATA Program. Dr. Love is keenly aware of the behavioral health needs of Alameda County as he worked in both the Oakland Pathways to Wellness Clinic and for Life Long Medical Downtown Oakland.