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Development of a Self-report Measure of Dual Diagnosis Capability for Addiction and Mental Health Programs

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Aims:

The purpose of this study was to develop and test the psychometric properties of a self-report measure for addiction and mental health programs to deliver dual-diagnostic care. The DDCAT was designed to provide treatment for both addiction problems and mental health problems. Traditionally, these services are provided by very different service providers that operate independently, isolated very well, if at all. An increased recognition of the integrated delivery of addictions and mental health services has led to efforts to reduce the integration of addiction and mental health services in order to allow for a range of positions on this spectrum of care. In this study, we will examine whether our measure will perform compared to more time-intensive procedures of the original DDCAT.

Methods:

A preliminary version of a self-report measure titled, the Co-occurring Disorders Program Brief Screening Tool (CODP-BST), was developed, consisting of 32-4 items, 23-30 Yes/No questions, and 10 questions with Likert-like responses. The version was sent to experts in the field, who had agreed to provide feedback on the questions regarding the importance and relevance of each one, as well as provide written comments, suggestions, and suggestions for each one. Completed responses were received from 10 experts. We conducted the process of rewriting the questions and adding about 13 more in order to allow the CODP-BST to handle the questions the CODP is, i.e., the DDCAT is used as possible. We invited the process of training raters to administer the DDCAT to programs in addition to the CODP-BST, which will also be administered to determine the reliability and validity of the CODP-BST

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