

# Co-occurring Disorders

## Interagency Agreement and CMHC Memorandum of Understanding

**Policy:** West Slope Casa Substance Abuse providers will have mental health services available for clients with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. Psychiatry will be provided by local community mental health centers per the attached Memorandum of Understanding, which renews annually with each new fiscal year.

**Procedures:**

1. West Slope Casa has three community mental health centers (CMHCs) in its catchment area, which are available to assist in the treatment of clients with co-occurring disorders (a mental health issue and a substance abuse problem).
2. The attached Interagency Agreement defines areas of responsibility for the mental health center, the ADAD provider, and how resources are allocated for clients needing to access both systems.
3. The Memorandum of Understanding following the Interagency Agreement is the specific arrangement for West Slope Casa. Since the managing directors of West Slope Casa are the Executive Directors of the three community mental health centers, our arrangements on the Western Slope are less formal, and we think, more user-friendly.