



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE  
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH  
NOTICE OF ONLINE VIDEO PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Integrating services offered by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports and the Office of Mental Health.

**PURPOSE:** To examine current and potentially new integrated services offered by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports and the Office of Mental Health for those with co-occurring diagnoses and any barriers that may exist to receiving such services.

**Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
10:30 a.m.  
Zoom**

Web Link: <https://www.nyassembly.gov/av/live/>

**ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, nearly half of individuals who experience a substance use disorder (SUD) during their lifetime will also experience a co-occurring mental health disorder and vice versa. Best practice suggests that it is most beneficial to address both the SUD and co-occurring mental health disorder together, rather than separately, to achieve the most successful treatment results.

New York has taken steps toward treatment integration through various service models to reimagine the delivery of behavioral health services. Some integrated service models include the Primary Care Host Model, Mental Health Behavioral Care Host Model, and the Substance Use Disorder Behavioral Care Host Model. Each model attempts to provide appropriate services based on the patient's specific treatment needs.

The Committees seek to examine current and potentially new integrated service opportunities offered by the Office of Mental Health and the Office of Addiction Services and Supports for those with a co-occurring diagnosis, the effectiveness of those models and what other options the State should be considering. Further, the Committees seek testimony concerning any obstacles that currently exist within the coordination of services.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form by Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Attendees and participants at any legislative public hearing should be aware that these proceedings are video recorded. Their likenesses may be included in any video coverage shown on television or the internet.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committees' interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

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**Phillip Steck**  
**Chair**  
**Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**

**Aileen Gunther**  
**Chair**  
**Committee on Mental Health**

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Testimony will only be taken upon approval by the Committee Chairs. Individuals who have been invited to present testimony are requested to complete this reply form by Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and email a copy of planned testimony. Individuals invited to participate will be notified within 48 hours of the hearing. All replies and testimony submissions must be emailed to:

Lauren Ryan  
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- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:** \_\_\_\_\_

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