

**2011 Multiple Disabilities Considerations Form**  
Sullivan Co Dept of Community Services (70170)

Consult the LSP Guidelines for additional guidance on completing this exercise.

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The term "multiple disabilities" means, in this context, persons who have at least two of the following disabling conditions: a developmental disability, a mental illness, or an addiction. In order to effectively meet the needs of these individuals, several aspects should be addressed in a comprehensive plan for services. Accordingly:

1. Is there a component of the local governmental unit which is responsible for identifying persons with multiple disabilities?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, briefly describe the mechanism used to identify such persons:

The clinical staff of the Sullivan County Department of Community Services is responsible for identifying multi-disabled persons in need of treatment. The Deputy Director of Community Services maintains a roster of such clients. Services are designed, adapted and provided whenever possible

2. Is there a component of the local governmental unit which is responsible for planning of services for persons with multiple disabilities?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, briefly describe the mechanism used in the planning process:

The respective chairpersons of the Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Chemical Dependency Committees and the Community Services Coordinators synchronize their work plans to assure the identification of need, unmet need, and services planning for multi-disabled client

3. Are there mechanisms at the local or county level, either formal or informal in nature, for resolving disputes concerning provider responsibility for serving persons with multiple disabilities?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, describe the process(es), either formal or informal, for resolving disputes at the local or county level and/or at other levels of organization for those persons affected by multiple disabilities:

The Sullivan County Department of Community Services has a Utilization Review Committee that meets on a monthly basis. Comprised of SCDCS Clinical Program Coordinators and chaired by the Deputy Director, this committee reviews cases of clients with co-occurring disorders and other factors that indicate a need for coordination of services. Staff from other agencies that are working with the clients also participate in the case review. Inter and intra agency treatment plans and case management are adjusted according to need. SCDCS has a local dispute resolution committee in place for addressing issues specifically relevant to multi-disabled clients. The Director of Community Services chairs this committee