

## Appendix

### Appendix 1: Semi-structured interview guide

#### Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today. The goal of this interview is to get your perspective on how the Ontario health-care system currently treats individuals with concurrent mental health and addictions disorders and what barriers or facilitators exist to implementing appropriate treatment for this population. Do you have any questions before we begin?

#### Background

1. Can you tell me about your background? (*Probes: educational background, past work experience*)
2. Can you tell me about your currently work? (*Probes (as applicable): Roles/responsibilities, current research focus, length of time in this position/in this field*)
3. How familiar would you say that you are with issues around concurrent disorders and the availability of services for this population?

#### Questions

1. How would you define concurrent disorders?
2. How would you describe appropriate and effective services for people with concurrent disorders? (*Probes: Should treatment services always be integrated? How do you define integration? What models of integration work best in practice?*)
3. What types of services are currently available for this population? (*Probes: Are available services appropriate/sufficient? Do they reflect any model of integration? Is there a difference between the official description or mandate of programs and how they function in practice?*)
4. What are some factors that you think have helped or hindered the creation of appropriate services? (*Probes: Where is the impetus to create these programs coming from? Why are some programs/jurisdictions more successful than others?*)
5. What steps do you believe must be taken to ensure that there are sufficient appropriate and effective services available?