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COUNCIL ON RECOVERY TO HOST SYMPOSIUM ON CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

February 7-9 Symposium to Gather Multi-Sector Experts to Confront Addiction and Mental Health Crisis & Forge Solutions

- WHO:** **The Council on Recovery**, a nonprofit organization that leads the community in creating a path to freedom from substance use and related issues.
- WHAT:** **The Council on Recovery** announces their **Symposium on Co-Occurring Disorders: Bringing Care for Substance Use, Mental Health and Physical Health Together**, February 7-9, the first conference of its type in Houston to bring together leaders from substance use, mental health, and medical sectors to increase awareness of co-occurring conditions and enhance collaboration to improve health outcomes and save lives.
- Taking place at The Council's main campus at **303 Jackson Hill Street** in Houston, the **Symposium on Co-Occurring Disorders** will utilize keynote speakers, panel discussions, and break-out sessions across the three major sectors: substance use, mental health and medical care. The Summit will also explore systemic and policy issues surrounding the crisis, and will bring to light the role stigma plays in both the problem and solutions.
- The Summit kicks off Wednesday evening, February 7th, with a keynote presentation by Michael Botticelli, former Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy for the Obama Administration and the first in the role to be a person in long-term recovery. Thursday, February 8th features an opening keynote address on the scope of the issue presented by Dr. Neeraj Gandotra, Chief Medical Officer at the Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), followed by breakout sessions throughout the day and an afternoon keynote panel focusing on partnerships. Friday, February 9th will conclude with traditional breakouts and a closing session. A detailed program for the event is available at: <https://www.councilonrecovery.org/closing-the-gaps/>.
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM** – Evening with Michael Botticelli and Symposium Kick-Off
Thursday, February 8, 2024 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Symposium on Co-Occurring Disorders
Friday, February 9, 2024 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Symposium on Co-Occurring Disorders
- WHERE:** **The Hamill Foundation Conference Center**
at The Council on Recovery (a smoke-free, vape-free, alcohol-free facility)
303 Jackson Hill Street
Houston, TX 77007
(Free garage parking)

TICKETS:

Evening with Michael Botticelli: \$40

Registration for Thursday and Friday only: \$200

Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. Licensed professionals in attendance are eligible to receive up to 10 continuing education units.

To register, please visit <https://www.councilonrecovery.org/closing-the-gaps/>, email specialevents@councilonrecovery.org or call 281.200.9336

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About The Council on Recovery: Founded in 1946, The Council on Recovery is Houston's oldest and largest non-profit organization providing the full spectrum of prevention, education, intervention, treatment, and recovery services for individuals and families who are affected by alcoholism, drug abuse, other addictions, and co-occurring mental health disorders. Directly touching tens of thousands of lives each year through programs for children and youth, in-school and clinical counseling for teens, outpatient substance abuse treatment for adults, services for the elderly, and more, our mission is to lead the community in creating a path to freedom from substance use and related issues. Affiliated with the United Way of Greater Houston, The Council receives funding from private contributions and grants, special events, and program fees. Visit us at www.councilonrecovery.org.