

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

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Scoring the TAAD

The back page of the Triage Assessment for Addictive Disorders (TAAD) is where the TAAD is scored. Above the top left hand box, there are instructions for marking which of the indicators apply. You will note while doing this that there are several indicators that belong to the same DSM-5 Criterion.

These instructions also state to mark, in the lower left table (titled Summary of Positive Findings for Each Criterion), which criteria are positive for alcohol or drugs. When marking in this table, depending on the number of indicators above, your scores, for each criterion, will range from "0" to "4". (For example, DSM-5 Criterion 3 has four indicators in the above grid. If a person met all four, then the lower grid would reflect the score of "4" for DSM-5 Criterion 3.)

Although any score other than a "0" will indicate that the criterion is positive, the higher the score for that a criterion, assures the assessor that the particular criterion is being met in a multitude of ways.

Once you have marked each criterion, for both alcohol and drugs, count the number of criteria that have been marked. Regardless if the criterion has a score of "1" or "4", only count that criterion once. This is because, for purposes of this assessment, a "1" shows that a positive finding was met for that criterion in the same way that a score of "4" shows that there has been a positive finding. Label the total number of positive criteria at the bottom of the lower left grid in the appropriate boxes.

Using these numbers, individually for each substance, the assessor then looks to see where their level of severity falls under the DSM-5 Diagnoses that is located in the middle of the back page. Finish by marking the correct level of severity under diagnostic indications based on all clinical information.

If there are questions on the above, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Gay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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