Perceived Sense of Community Scale
(Bishop, Chertok & Jason, 1997)

Please answer the following questions by indicating the extent of your agreement using the following scale:

1 = Not At All True
2 = Somewhat True
3 = Pretty Much True
4 = Very Much True
5 = Completely True

___ 1. There is a clear sense of mission in this group.
___ 2. Members know they can get help from the group if they need it.
___ 3. In this group there is the feeling that people should not get too friendly.
___ 4. The goals of this group are meaningful to members.
___ 5. People can depend on each other in this group.
___ 6. Members do not feel comfortable asking for assistance from the group.
___ 7. There is a sense of common purpose in this group.
___ 8. There is a feeling that the group looks out for its members.
___ 9. Members do not really know what the group's goals are.
___ 10. The goals of this group are important to members.
___ 11. The group makes you feel good for helping.
___ 12. The atmosphere is somewhat impersonal.
___ 13. The goals of this group are challenging.
___ 14. Members are willing to help each other.
___ 15. There are definite "in" and "out" groups within this group.
___ 16. Members put a lot of effort into what they do for this group.
___ 17. A feeling of fellowship exists between members.
___ 18. Some people feel like outsiders at meetings.
___ 19. You know when you are a member of this group.
___ 20. The work done by members is appreciated.
___ 21. Members feel like they belong to this group.
___ 22. The atmosphere at meetings is relaxed and friendly.
___ 23. The group makes use of everyone's skills and abilities.
___ 24. When something needs to be done, the whole group gets behind it.
___ 25. The goals of this group are meaningful to the larger community.
___ 26. Members share control over what happens in this group.
27. Members of this group share common values.
28. Being a member of this group is like being part of a group of friends.
29. Members are often asked to take more responsibility.
30. There is a sense of camaraderie among members.

Scoring
Reverse score items 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 18. Reverse scoring is achieved by subtracting the original score from three and adding three to this difference.

There are three factor scores. Each score is the mean (add the items for that factor and divide by the number of items). For the Mission score, add the following items: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 29. For the Reciprocal Responsibility score, add items 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30. For the Disharmony score, add items 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 18.