

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.