SARA

SPOUSAL ASSAULT RISK ASSESSMENT

Offender: ____________________________
Assessor: ____________________________
Signature: ___________________________
Date: ________________________________

RATING PROCEDURE

The SARA is a checklist to assist Case Management in determining risk for violence that might occur in the context of spousal assault. It is important that assessors do not add the individual ratings to determine the level of risk. That is, an offender may have only a few items rated "2" and still be at high risk for violence. General coding instructions are presented below; see the SARA manual for specific instructions about the coding of individual items.

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6. Victim of and/or witness to family violence as a child or adolescent

7. Recent substance abuse/dependence

8. Recent suicidal or homicidal ideation/intent

9. Recent psychotic and/or manic symptoms

   Suspected - mental health report needed

   Confirmed - coded from existing mental health report

10. Personality disorder with anger, impulsivity, or behavioral instability

    Suspected - mental health report needed

    Confirmed - coded from existing mental health report

**SPOUSAL ASSAULT HISTORY**

11. Past physical assault

12. Past sexual assault/sexual jealousy

13. Past use of weapons and/or credible threats of death

14. Recent escalation in frequency or severity of assault

15. Past violation of "no contact" orders

16. Extreme minimization or denial of spousal assault history

17. Attitudes that support or condone spousal assault
CURRENT/MOST RECENT OFFENCE
Complete this section if any current offences involve spousal assault or if the offender committed a spousal assault in his last year in the community

18. Severe and/or sexual assault  □  □  □
19. Use of weapons and/or credible threats of death  □  □  □
20. Violation of "no contact" order  □  □  □

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
Specify any risk factors not rated elsewhere

________________________________________  □  □  □

________________________________________  □  □  □

________________________________________  □  □  □

RISK FOR SPOUSAL ASSAULT

Low  Moderate  High

Risk of violence toward partner or ex-partner  □  □  □

Risk of violence toward others  □  □  □

Includes violence against targets other than a partner or ex-partner (e.g., child, new spouse of ex-partner, parents-in-law) that might occur in the context of spousal assault

Specify possible target(s): ____________________  □  □  □