

Case Scenario 3

Client: Jeannie C. Female (DOB: 10/21/88)

Assessment Date: 4/21/12

Assessment Tools Used:

Clinical Interview

CPS Referral Information

Symptom Assessment-45 (SA-45)

Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3rd ed. (SASSI-3)

Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARA)

Purpose of Referral:

The purpose of the assessment is to determine Ms. C's substance dependency potential relative to child protective services (CPS) and community supervision (probation).

Psychiatric/Rehabilitation History: Substance Abuse Potential

Ms. C. reported currently completing a drug offender class in the past two weeks for probation requirements. In November 2011, she reported psychiatric treatment for clinical depression (prescribed Zoloft), but no consistent medication management was reported. She reported an unspecified psychiatric history for approximately five years.

Alcohol & Drug Use History:

Ms. C. denied any current alcohol or illicit abuse patterns, but admitted to methamphetamine abuse history nearly five years ago. Currently, she reported using hydrocodone in the past six months for an unspecified abdominal pain.

Legal History:

Legally, Ms. C. reported only a misdemeanor theft case (under \$1,500.00) and currently on probation. She was referred to jail diversion and child protective services (family based safety services) to determine therapeutic interventions. In 2001, Ms. C. was charged with domestic violence against her husband.

Employment/Vocational Functioning:

Vocationally, Ms. C. reported completing her high school diploma and medical assistant training. She reported currently cleaning houses and working as a server at local restaurants.

Family & Relational Functioning:

From a family perspective, Ms. C. reported a parental history of alcohol abuse and depression during her childhood. Currently, she reported being divorced with four children and currently engaged. She indicated that they occasionally fight, but nothing significant as she has had before. She denied a family history of violence, child abuse, or neglect. However, she admitted to a history of verbal abuse and sexual assault (raped) with an ex-husband.

Mental Status & Current Functioning:

Ms. C. was compliant during the psychosocial assessment. She was timely for her appointment and assessment. She was well-groomed and dressed appropriately. She was oriented to time, person, and place. Her speech and tone were normal. Her affect was in normal limits. Her thought processes were intact and logical without evidence of cognitive impairment or memory deficits. She reported mild to moderate dysphoria (anxiousness) in the two weeks. There were no reported history of suicidal or homicidal ideations or plans.

Assessment Data:

The SA-45 was utilized to objectively assess Ms. C's self-reported psychosocial functioning. The results of the SA-45 indicated the following scores: (DEP, T score= 70), (ANX, T score = 65), (PHO, T score = 50), (PSY, T scores = 50), (INT, T score = 75), (SOM, T score = 58), and (HOS, T score = 67). The SASSI-3 is a standardized objective measure which measures abuse symptoms, obvious attributes, and subtle attributes. The SASSI-3 also contains face validity scales and a defensiveness scale to assess inconsistencies and truthfulness while completing the examination. Ms. D's SASSI-3 life time profile indicated the following scores: (FVA, T score = 55), (FVOD, T score = 70), (SYM, T score = 60), (OAT, T score = 81), (DEF, T score = 68), (SAM, T score= 62), (FAM, T score = 63), and (COR, T score = 65). Her SARA scores also indicated the following: (total raw score =30) and (number of factors present =10)

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