

FOOTHILLS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERS
LEVEL OF CARE UTILIZATION SYSTEM (LOCUS)
FOR ADULTS
WORKSHEET ANSWER KEY

I. Risk of Harm

1 – Minimal Risk of Harm

- A. No indication of suicidal or homicidal thoughts or impulses, and no history of suicidal or homicidal ideation, and no indication of significant distress.
- B. Clear ability to care for self now and in the past.

2 – Low Risk of Harm

- A. No current suicidal or homicidal ideation, plan, intentions or severe distress, but may have had transient or passive thoughts recently or in the past.
- B. Substance use without significant episodes of potentially harmful behaviors.
- C. Periods in the past of self-neglect without current evidence of such behavior.

3 – Moderate Risk of Harm

- A. Significant current suicidal or homicidal ideation without intent or conscious plan and without past history.
- B. No active suicidal/homicidal ideation, but extreme distress and/or a history of suicidal/homicidal behavior exists.
- C. History of chronic impulsive suicidal/homicidal behavior or threats and current expressions does not represent significant change from baseline.
- D. Binge or excessive use of substances resulting in potentially harmful behaviors without current involvement in such behavior.
- E. Some evidence of self neglect and/or compromise in ability to care for oneself in current environment.

4 – Serious Risk of Harm

- A. Current suicidal or homicidal ideation with expressed intentions and/or past history of carrying out such behavior but without means for carrying out the behavior, or with some expressed inability or aversion to doing so, or with ability to contract for safety.
- B. History of chronic impulsive suicidal/homicidal behavior or threats with current expressions or behavior representing a significant elevation from baseline.
- C. Recent pattern of excessive substance use resulting in disinhibition and clearly harmful behaviors with no demonstrated ability to abstain from use.
- D. Clear compromise of ability to care adequately for oneself or to be adequately aware of environment.

5 – Extreme Risk of Harm

- A. Current suicidal or homicidal behavior or such intentions with a plan and available means to carry out this behavior...
 - i. ...without expressed ambivalence or significant barriers to doing so, or
 - ii. ...with a history of serious past attempts which are not of a chronic, impulsive or consistent nature, or
 - iii. ...in presence of command hallucinations or delusions which threaten to override usual impulse control.
- B. Repeated episodes of violence toward self or others, or other behaviors resulting in harm while under the influence of intoxicating substances with pattern of nearly continuous and uncontrolled use.
- C. Extreme compromise of ability to care for oneself or to adequately monitor environment with evidence of deterioration in physical condition or injury related to these deficits.