LGBT-DOCSS

Instructions: Items on this scale are intended to examine preparedness, attitudes, and basic knowledge regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transfer (LGBT) people. Please use the provided scale to rate your level of agreement or disagreement for each item. Please note, items on this scale primarily inquire about either sexual orientation (LGB) or gender identify (transgender). Two questions are inclusive and refer collectively to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) clients/patients.

1. I am aware of institutional barriers that may inhibit transgender people from using health care services.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

2. I am aware of institutional barriers that may inhibit LGB people from using health services.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

3. I think being transgender is a mental disorder.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

4. I would feel unprepared talking with a LGBT people about issues related to their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

5. A same sex relationship between 2 men or 2 women is not as strong and as committed as one between a man and a woman.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

6. I am aware of research indicating that LGB individuals experience disproportionate levels of health and mental health problems compared to heterosexual individuals.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

7. LGB individuals must be discreet about their sexual orientation around children.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

8. I am aware of research indicating that transgender individuals experience disproportionate levels of health and mental health problems compared to cisgender individuals.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

9. When it comes to transgender individuals, I believe they are morally deviant.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

10. I have received adequate clinical training and supervision to work with transgender clients/patients.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

11. I have received adequate clinical training and supervision to work with lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) clients/patients.

Strongly disagree			**Somewhat Agree/Disagree**			**Strongly Agree**
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

12. The lifestyle of a LGB individual is unnatural or immoral.

Strongly disagree			**Somewhat Agree/Disagree**			**Strongly Agree**
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

13. I have experience working with LGB clients/patients

Strongly disagree			**Somewhat Agree/Disagree**			**Strongly Agree**
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

14. I feel competent to assess a person who is LGB in a therapeutic setting.

Strongly disagree			**Somewhat Agree/Disagree**			**Strongly Agree**
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

15. I feel competent to assess a person who is transgender in a therapeutic setting.

Strongly disagree			**Somewhat Agree/Disagree**			**Strongly Agree**
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

16. I have experience working with transgender clients/patients.

Strongly disagree			**Somewhat Agree/Disagree**			**Strongly Agree**
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

17. People who dress opposite to their biological sex have a perversion

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

18. I would feel morally uncomfortable working with a LGBT client/patient.

Strongly disagree   **Somewhat Agree/Disagree**   **Strongly Agree**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Scoring instructions for the LGBT-DOCSS

1) Reverse score all 8 questions in parenthesis (3), (4), (5), (7), (9), (12), (17), (18). Use the reverse scoring Likert Scale [1=7, 2=6, etc.]
2) Calculate total mean score: Add all test items (using the reverse score for items in parentheses) and divide by 18
3) Calculate Subscale Scores: For each subscale, add up the scores of the questions listed (using the reverse score for items in paratheses) and divde by the number of questions in each subscale
    - Clinical Preparedness Subscale: (4) + 10 + 11 +13 +14 +15+16
        o Add up then divide by 7
    - Attitudes Subscale: (3) + (5) + (7) + (9) + (12) + (17) + (18)
        o Add up then divide by 7
    - Knowledge Subscale: 1+ 2 + 6 + 8
        o Add up then divide by 4
4) Higher scores are indicative of higher levels of clinical preparedness and rudimentary knowledge and less prejudicial attitudinal awareness regarding LGBTQ clients/patients

<u>SCORING</u>

1._____ [K]   10. _____ [CP]   Total Mean Score: Total
score /18

2._____ [K]   11. _____ [CP]   _____

3._____ [A]   12. _____ [A]   Clinical Preparedness: Total CP
score /7

4._____ [CP]   13. _____ [CP]   _____

5._____ [A]   14. _____ [CP]   Attitudes: Total A score / 7

6._____ [K]   15. _____ [CP]   _____

7._____ [A]   16. _____ [CP]   Knowledge: Total K score /4

8._____ [K]   17. _____ [A]   _____

9._____ [A]   18. _____ [A]