

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Criminal Justice Services



SOAR SCREENING TOOL

To be completed by referral source not client

This Screening Tool includes the 4 key eligibility criteria for SSI/SSDI approval. Please use it as a guide to identify if a client is likely to be approved by the Social Security Administration before completing the SOAR Referral Application. The responses to Criteria “A” and “B” must be substantiated in the client’s medical records.

NOTE: To submit a SOAR Disability Referral Application an individual must be:

- 1. Homeless (have no regular, habitable, nighttime residence), or at risk of homelessness (experiencing housing instability or do not have enough resources to prevent homelessness).*

AND

- 2. Meet the disability eligibility criteria below.*

CRITERIA (A): CHRONIC PHYSICAL ILLNESS

For eligibility based on “physical illness” both boxes below must be checked.

- Diagnosed medical condition that has existed for more than one year and is expected to last for at least 12 months or result in death.
- Currently receiving treatment from a physician or medical facility and has obtainable medical records that collaborate diagnoses and symptoms.

CRITERIA (B): SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

For eligibility based on “serious mental illness” all 3 boxes below must be checked.

- Diagnosed mental illness that has lasted or is expected to last for more than 12 months e.g., psychosis, depression, mania, anxiety, paranoia, history of trauma, social impairment.
- Periods of worsening symptoms that significantly impact daily functioning despite taking prescribed medications.
- Symptoms of mental illness that are not specifically related to substance use.

Note if the client reports a history substance use there must be evidence or documentation to support that the symptoms persist despite the absence of substance use.

CRITERIA (C): COGNITIVE/FUNCTIONAL DEFICITS

For disability eligibility, the client must demonstrate at least one Cognitive/Functional Deficit. Please check ALL that apply.

- Difficulty remembering
- Problems with focus and concentration
- Difficulty caring for oneself
- Difficulty making decisions and setting realistic goals
- Difficulty keeping up or maintaining pace when complete tasks
- Problems staying on tasks or completing assignments
- Unable to follow directions
- Difficulty getting along with others
- Difficulty processing or applying information

CRITERIA (D): INABILITY TO WORK


For disability eligibility, the client must demonstrate the “inability to work” by having at least one box below checked. Please check ALL that apply.

NOTE: Being laid-off, refusing to work, or having difficulty securing employment due to criminal history does not meet eligibility for this criterion.

- Unable to work due to serous physical or mental illness.
- Scattered work history because of failed work attempts due to diagnosed conditions or difficulty with symptom management.
- Has a work history but can no longer work at the level needed to earn \$1,550/ month due to presenting symptoms or treatment side effects.

SOAR Disability Eligibility Checklist: (check all boxes that are true)

- The client is homeless or at risk of homelessness
- The client meets the criteria for (A) Physical Illness and/or (B) Serious Mental Illness
- The client meets the criteria for (C) Cognitive/Functional Deficit
- The client meets the criteria for (D) Inability to Work

 **For the client to meet the disability eligibility criteria for SOAR, ALL 4 boxes above must be checked. If this is true, please complete the SOAR Referral Application.**