**Mental Illness Research Questions and Brochure Project**

\* Please answer the following research questions on a Word document. After you have completed the research questions you are to create an informational poster or brochure about the disorder you researched. **Make sure to cite your sources!**

Brochure requirements:

1. You must have the Definition of the disorder.

2. You must have at least 5 facts, or statistics of your disorder.

3. The diagnosis: What criteria are necessary to be classified with this disorder?

4. Signs/Symptoms (10): List symptoms indicative of specific disorder.

5. Treatments/Medications: What treatment options are available? Be specific with medications and what they do for the disorder. List 2-3.

6. Prognosis: What is going to happen in the future? Will this disorder go away?

7. Resources: Please find 2 available resources for helping people or family of people diagnosed with this disorder. The resources must be in The Okanagan; you must include the name, address, phone and website of this resources along with a brief description.

8. Your brochure must be at least one page with at least 3 appropriate graphics in relevant sections.

**Research Questions** (don't forget to keep track of sources)

1. What illness are you researching?

2. What is the definition of your disorder? What might be physical/noticeable characteristics of this disorder?

3. What are potential risk factors that may lead to this illness – “causes” of the illness? Are there certain “types” of people who are prone to this illness; if so, why?

4. What are prevention suggestions and strategies pertaining to this illness? (Hint: Look at risk factors/causes, can you prevent the severity of the disorder, can you prolong the age of onset, etc.)

5. What are the common warning signs/symptoms that may lead you to believe someone may be suffering from this disorder?

6. How is this illness specifically treated (medication name, symptoms treated, etc.)? Is it curable? How?

7. What is the science behind this illness? What does the research say about the physiology or the

psychology of this disorder – what’s going on inside the body to cause this?

8. How can you help a friend who may be suffering from this disorder? Is there a way to “help” yourself?

9. List at least 5 statistics pertaining to your illness. (National, Provincial, city, school, etc., how many people this illness affects, teenage stats vs. adult stats, men vs. women, differences between races, etc.)

10. What are common myths and the respective facts pertaining to your disorder?

11. List four or more specific resources that could help in dealing with this disorder (National resources such as organizations, hotlines, websites, etc., as well as community resources such as local support groups, organizations, specific counselors/trusted adults in the area, medical personnel, etc.)

12. Other? Have you discovered any other important or interesting facts? Facts about the history of the illness or the medication used to treat it, famous people who suffer from the illness, etc.