

August 6, 2015

The Honorable Leo Disburg  
Sixth Judicial Circuit Court  
P.O. Box 758  
Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

**Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Dana N. Marshalek**  
**Case: 58CRI15-000029**

Dear Judge Disburg:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Ms. Marshalek in reference to her DUI charge in Stanley County. This assessment included the administration of:

- A Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (MAST)
- An Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT)
- A General anxiety/depression screening
- 50 minute clinical interview by telephone

The following items provide a summary of the screening results, my diagnostic opinion and professional recommendations:

**MAST:** score = 1/ *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use (screening appeared valid)

**AUDIT:** score = 6 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; scores of 8 or more indicate hazardous use, of 13 or more (women), 15 or more (men) indicates moderate to severe disorder present (respondent appeared to provide forthright responses to questions)

**DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns:** denies subtle indicators of problem alcohol use including pattern of mild hangovers, mild memory loss after use, repeat use to relieve emotional or work stress, previous treatment, conflict with significant others during or shortly after use of alcohol, guilt or regret associated with use

**Present Use Status:** presently not using alcohol, may resume use later

**Anxiety/Depression Screening:** no clinically significant concerns reported

**Substance Related Legal History Reported:** denies any previous history of alcohol or substance related arrests/legal charges

**Clinical Interview/Summary:** Ms. Marshalek's written screenings provided no indication of an alcohol use disorder at any level (mild, moderate or severe). She reported her normal use of alcohol before this charge as 2-4 drinks on 2-4 occasions

per month. She also acknowledged use of up to 5 drinks on rare special occasions (weddings, birthdays, etc.) or on about 4 occasions per year. Ms. Marshalek and I discussed her OVI incident and general use of alcohol at length. She denied using alcohol since her charges but anticipates she may choose to drink at some future date while using a zero-tolerance policy with reference to drinking and driving. In my best clinical judgment I was unable to find the incident or her overall history and presentation indicative of someone experiencing DSM 5 alcohol use disorder symptoms. I did discuss with her one item of concern (possible sign of alcohol tolerance) and recommended that she complete some preventative education in order to minimize her future risk of problem alcohol use should she choose to resume using alcohol at any time.

**DSM 5 DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances:** V71.09 (none found)

**Treatment Recommendations:**

- 1) Alcohol & Drug Education, recommend 6-10 hrs. of alcohol/drug education including a combination of any of the following – local class (hospital, treatment center or community facility), AA/NA, MADD VIP, online alcohol or drug education course
- 2) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any alcohol use it is recommended Ms. Marshalek seek further evaluation and follow all treatment recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist the court and Ms. Marshalek, in this important matter.

Sincerely,



Brian Davis, LISW-S, SAP  
cc: Dana Marshalek

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**Diagnostic Conclusions / Limitations:** Directions Counseling Group provides Clinical Alcohol Assessments based on objective and standardized screenings and interviewing methods as well as self-reported information. Clinical conclusions are made to the best of the professional's ability with data on hand at the time of the assessment. Expanded assessments which involve additional background research, collateral information and third party verification can be provided as an additional service upon request.