

December 12, 2013

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RE: Basic Alcohol Use Assessment for Nicholas Ross:

Dear Mr. Riddell,

I performed a basic substance abuse assessment for Mr. Ross in reference to his pending OVI charge from 12/2013. This assessment included the administration of: a SASSI-3, an AUDIT, a MAST, depression screening, and a clinical interview. The following are my findings and recommendations:

Substance(s) of Concern: alcohol

SASSI-3: all scores indicate a low probability of a moderate to severe alcohol use disorder

AUDIT: score=9; indicates problem alcohol use; screen further for mild alcohol use disorder

MAST: score= 5; indicates some problem alcohol use; screen further for mild alcohol use disorder

DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns: family history of problem alcohol use, past use (in college) that was symptomatic, use beyond intention, instances of memory impairment

Depression Screening: no clinically significant concerns reported

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Ross's written screenings provided some indication of an alcohol use disorder within the past 12 months. He reported his typical alcohol use as 6 beers on 2 nights per week and acknowledged that on 1-2 occasions per year, he may drink 10 or more drinks per occasion. During the occasions in which he will drink more than 6, he has experienced instances of memory impairment and use beyond intention; two recurrent symptoms of a DSM 5 *mild alcohol use* disorder. Professional recommendations (provided below) will provide preventative education and counseling to decrease the likelihood of future problem alcohol use

DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances: 305.00 mild alcohol use disorder

Recommendations: 1) Education, recommend 9 hrs. of Ohio Health's Drug/Alcohol Awareness Series (contact 614-566-3700) OR Maryhaven's 8 hour alcohol/drug education series (contact 445-8131); 2) Counseling, recommend 4-6 sessions with a professional substance abuse counselor; update recommendation at session four; 3) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any substance use it is recommended Mr. Ross seek further evaluation and follow all treatment recommendations.

Mr. Ross has signed a release to communicate the results of this assessment to you. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions about this assessment.

Sincerely,
Jessica Schoenberger, MSW, LSW, CDCA

