

April 14, 2016

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Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Gretchen Cipriano (DOB – 03/07/1967)

Dear Mr. Weisenburger:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Ms. Cipriano in reference to her January 2016 OVI charge in Portage County. This assessment included a 50-minute in-person clinical interview, and the administration of:

- A Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI-3)
- A Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (MAST)
- An Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT)
- A general anxiety/depression screening

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

SASSI-3: no scores indicative of an alcohol use disorder at any level (mild, moderate, or severe); screening was valid and covered a lifetime frame of reference;

MAST: score = 1 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use; screening had a lifetime frame of reference;

AUDIT: score = 3 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; scores of 8 or more indicate *hazardous use*, scores of 13 or more in women indicates *moderate to severe* disorder present; screening referenced the past 12 months;

Alcohol Use Risk Factors:

- family history = some family history of problem substance use
- prior DUI charges = NA
- early onset of excessive alcohol use = NA
- prior substance use treatment = NA
- peer influences = NA
- work environment = NA
- contraindicated prescription use = NA
- anxiety or depression symptoms = moderate difficulties with anxiety
- general health problems = NA
- current family stress = significant multiple stressors at time of incident

Alcohol Use Risk profile = 3 of 10; mild to moderate risk profile

Present Use Status: presently not using alcohol; plans to resume moderate alcohol use in future;

Anxiety/Depression Screening: clinically significant concerns reported; PRN use of anti-anxiety medication;

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

Clinical Interview/Summary: Ms. Cipriano'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 prior to this charge as 2-3 drinks on 2-3 occasions per week. She also acknowledged use of 4-6 drinks on 1-2 special occasions (weddings, birthdays, family reunions, etc.) per year.

Ms. Cipriano and I discussed her OVI incident, history of alcohol use, and recent use of alcohol at length. Ms. Cipriano's clinical interview did not reveal any positive symptoms of an alcohol use disorder as defined by DSM-5 criteria. In my clinical judgment, I did not find the incident or her overall history and presentation indicative of someone experiencing a DSM-5 alcohol use disorder.

I did discuss with her the above mentioned alcohol use risk factors, and I am recommending that she complete some awareness education in order to reduce the likelihood of any future negative consequences related to her use of alcohol.

DSM-5 DIAGNOSIS in Reference to Substances: Z03.89 (suspected substance use condition not found)

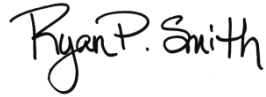
Treatment Recommendations:

- 1) Driver Intervention Program, recommend attendance and completion of a 72-hour driver intervention program (recommend Wellness Driver, 614-791-8300 or Second Chance Counseling, 614-635-9011);
- 2) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any alcohol use it is recommended Ms. Cipriano seek an increased level of treatment or extended outpatient substance abuse counseling as appropriate.

If the court possesses additional information about Ms. Cipriano's use of alcohol that might impact the outcome of this assessment, I would be happy to review it and consider any appropriate modifications or amendments to the present report.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Gretchen Cipriano

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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.