

January 2, 2014

Lake Havasu City Court
2801 College Dr. Ste. 148
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Chad Shaffer

Dear Lake Havasu Court Clerk:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Shaffer in reference to his disorderly conduct charge in Mohave County. This assessment included the administration of: a Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (MAST), an Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT), an anxiety/depression screening, and a 50 minute in-person clinical interview by telephone. The following items provide a summary of the screening results, my diagnostic opinion and professional recommendations:

MAST: score =0; *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use

AUDIT: score = 2/ *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; scores above 8 indicate hazardous use, above 13 indicates moderate to severe disorder present

DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns: denies subtle indicators of problem alcohol use including 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

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 or DUIs

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Shaffer's written screenings provided no indication of an alcohol use disorder at any level (mild, moderate or severe). He reported his normal use of alcohol as 1-2 drinks on 1-2 occasions per month. We discussed Mr. Shaffer's disorderly conduct charge incident at length as well as his general history of alcohol use. I did not find the incident or his overall history and presentation indicative of someone experiencing DSM 5 alcohol use disorder symptoms and found no discrepancies or contradictions suggesting otherwise. Further, I believe he has learned a valuable lesson from this experience and reasonable clinical indications suggest he is at low risk at this time.

DSM 5 DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances: V 71.09 (none found)

Treatment Recommendations: Because I found no indications of an alcohol use disorder or significant risk for one in the near future I have no additional professional recommendations for Mr. Shaffer. If he incurs another legal charge or significant

negative consequence as a result of use of alcohol it is recommend that he obtain an updated assessment and follow all recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist the court, Mr. Shaffer in this important matter.

Sincerely,



Brian Davis, LISW-S, SAP
cc: Chad Shaffer

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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.