

February 5, 2014

Kim Blazik, Caseworker Adoption Circle 400 S. 5th St., Suite 304 Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Substance Abuse Assessment for Shawn Compton

Dear Ms. Blazik:

I performed substance abuse assessment for Mr. Compton in reference to his pending adoption application process. This assessment included the administration of: a MAST, an AUDIT, a SASSI-3, an anxiety/ depression screening, a clinical interview, and a face-to-face collateral interview with Mr. Compton's life partner. The following are my findings and recommendations:

Substance(s) of Concern: history of alcohol dependence and treatment

**MAST**: score = 6; indicates acknowledgment of history of significant problem alcohol use; consistent with his report of past alcohol dependence

**DAST**: score = 0; no indication of a previous illicit drug use disorder

**SASSI-3 using timeframe of most recent 3 years:** all scores negative for DSM 5 drug and alcohol use disorders; validity score (DEF) of "6" suggests a valid screening with reasonably accurate answers being provided by respondent

**DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns:** reported past history of tolerance, withdrawal and other signs of alcohol dependence but also reported no symptoms since March of 2010 **Substance Related Legal History Reported:** denies any previous history of alcohol or substance related arrests/legal charges

Anxiety/Depression Screening: no clinical symptoms reported or detected

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Compton was open about a history of alcohol dependence which evidently runs in his family. He shared with me that he initially obtained sobriety in 2009 (June) after inpatient treatment (Woods at Parkside). He relapsed in 2010 and entered treatment (Woods at Parkside) again in March of the same year. He reported that he has been successfully sober since that time. He reported he first accomplished this with 12 step meeting support and later through an active spiritual life and involvement in a supportive church. Mr. Compton was very articulate about his own internal changes; as he has done meaningful 12-Step work as well as a made a deep personal commitment to his community. I interviewed his partner, John, and found no discrepancies in their reporting. Rather, what emerged was an overall clinical impression that Mr. Compton has been strongly maintaining his sobriety for the past three years.

**DIAGNOSIS** in reference to Alcohol Use: 303. 90 alcohol dependence (sustained full remission)

**Recommendations**: I have no additional professional recommendations for Mr. Compton at this time.

Mr. Compton has signed a release of information for us to speak if you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brian Davis, LISW-S, SAP

cc: Shawn Compton

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