

November 24, 2015



Honorable Judge David Tyack  
Franklin County Municipal Court  
375 S. High Street  
Court Room 12A  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Re: Substance Abuse Evaluation for Patrick Butler; 2015 TRC 125989**

Dear Judge Tyack:

I performed a basic substance abuse assessment for Mr. Butler in reference to his October 2015 OVI charge in Franklin County. This assessment included the administration of: a SASSI-3, a MAST, an AUDIT, and a clinical interview. The following are my findings and recommendations:

**Substance(s) of Concern:** alcohol

**SASSI-3:** screening indicated an overall *low probability* of a moderate to severe alcohol use disorder; screening did not indicate likelihood of a mild alcohol use disorder; screening was valid with a lifetime frame of reference

**MAST:** score=3; screening indicated multiple "black outs" while in college, guilt over alcohol use, and the presence of one alcohol-related legal charge; lifetime frame of reference

**AUDIT:** score=7; scores of "8" or more indicate hazardous alcohol use; past year frame of reference

**DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns:** client reported a family history of problem alcohol use, previous instances of alcohol-related memory impairment, hangovers within the past year, and guilt/regret over alcohol use; client denied alcohol-related memory impairment within the last year and denied ever using alcohol to relieve emotional distress

**Depression Screening:** no clinically significant concerns reported; reports of prior problems with depression

**Clinical Interview/Summary:** Mr. Butler's written screenings provided mixed indications of an alcohol use disorder. He reported his normal use of alcohol over the past two years as 2-3 beers on 1-2 occasions per week. He reported that his alcohol use will increase on special celebrations to 4-6 drinks on special occasions on a less than monthly basis. His clinical interview did reveal indications of recurrent use beyond intention, increased time spent recovering from alcohol use and recurrent use in physically hazardous situations. Mr. Butler reported he did attend a 72-hour Driver Intervention Program through Maryhaven and has reduced his overall alcohol use since his charge. His clinical interview did reveal sufficient criteria to warrant a mild alcohol use disorder, and I am providing further recommendations to assist Mr. Butler in identifying situations that have a higher risk of excessive alcohol use. Mr. Butler expressed his willingness to gain the necessary skills to prevent any future negative consequences due to alcohol use.

**DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances:** F10.10 alcohol use disorder, mild

**Recommendations:**

- 1) Prevention planning, recommend Mr. Butler attends 5-7 outpatient counseling sessions to identify situations that increase the risk of excessive alcohol use and develop a plan to address those situations in an adaptive and responsible manner;
- 2) Any subsequent negative consequence related to alcohol use within the next year should result in initiation of outpatient counseling and further evaluation.

Mr. Butler has signed a release for me to communicate this assessment to you. Thank you for the opportunity to assist the court, yourself, and Mr. Butler.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan P. Smith".

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cc. Patrick Butler