

October, 15 2014

Sandra Blue, PO Shaker Heights Probation Department 3355 Lee Road Shaker Heights, OH 44122

Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Walid Sliman

Dear Ms. Blue:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Sliman in reference to his probation violation charge (was ordered to obtain assessment after 9/29/13 OVI). 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 face-to-face videoconferenced clinical interview. The following items provide a summary of the screening results, my diagnostic opinion and professional recommendations:

MAST: score = 2/ *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use

AUDIT: score = 0/ *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; reported the 9/29/13 OVI as having BAC of .053 or .057 (could not recall exactly)

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Sliman's written screenings provided no substantial indications of an alcohol use disorder. He reported his normal use of alcohol (prior to this legal charge and abstinence requirement) as 2-3 drinks on 2-3 occasions per week and no variation in that use if attending a special event or celebration where alcohol is served. We discussed Mr. Sliman's 9/29/13 OVI legal charges at length and his overall alcohol use history. I was unable to find his presentation indicative of someone experiencing DSM 5 alcohol use disorder symptoms. He was, however, articulate about a number of valuable insights learned in his 72 hour Driver Intervention Program. I believe the education he obtained is sufficient for his clinical presentation.

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

Treatment Recommendations:

Since I did not find Mr. Sliman meeting criteria for a DSM 5 alcohol use disorder and he was articulate about his 72 hour DIP I have no further professional recommendations for him at this time.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Davis, LISW-S, SAP

cc: Walid Sliman

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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.

