

August 1, 2016

Joe Roush, Probation officer
3600 Tremont Road
Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221

Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Greg Core (DOB – 02/09/1971)

Dear Mr. Roush:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Core in reference to his March 2016 OVI charge in Franklin County. This assessment included a 50-minute 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: overall scores indicated a *low probability* of a moderate to severe alcohol use disorder; screening did not suggest further assessment to rule out a mild alcohol use disorder; screening was valid and had a lifetime frame of reference;

MAST: score = 1 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use, mitigate concerns with clinical recommendations (screen relative to lifetime use of alcohol)

AUDIT: score = 3 / *NEGATIVE SCREEN*; scores of 8 or more indicate *hazardous use*, scores of 15 or more in men indicate *moderate to severe* disorder present, mitigate concerns with clinical recommendations (screen relative to use of alcohol within the past 24 months)

Alcohol Use Risk Factors:

- ☐ legal history – denies previous history
- ☐ severity of incident – NA
- ☐ anxiety/depression/mental health – NA
- ☐ general health issues – NA
- ☐ exposure to trauma – NA
- ☐ use of liquor – NA
- ☐ other substance use – NA
- ☐ contraindicated prescription use – NA

- ☐ family history – none reported
- ☐ prior treatment history – NA
- ☐ negative peer influence – NA
- ☐ at-risk work environment – NA
- ☐ current stress (relational, work, etc.) – NA

Summary - 0 of 13 concerns, mitigate concern with clinical recommendations

Clinical Interview/Summary:

ALCOHOL – Mr. Core'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 before this charge as 1-2 standard beers on 1-2 occasions per week. He also acknowledged use of 4 drinks on 4-5 special occasions (weddings, birthdays, etc.) per year.

Mr. Core and I discussed his OVI incident and general use of alcohol at length. His clinical interview did not reveal any indications of a DSM-5 alcohol use disorder and his reported alcohol use aligns with NIAAA and World Health Organization's standards for low risk problem alcohol use. Mr. Core has already attended a 72-hour Driver Intervention Program and is scheduled to attend MADD's Victim Impact Panel on August 11, 2016. These are fitting recommendations, and at the present time I have no additional clinical recommendations.

DSM-5 Alcohol Use Symptoms:

- ☐ Recurrent use beyond intention
- ☐ Persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to reduce/quit use
- ☐ Substantial time spent obtaining, using, or recovering from use
- ☐ Strong craving/desire
- ☐ Recurrent failure to fulfill a major role (work, home, school)
- ☐ Continued use despite recurrent social/interpersonal problems
- ☐ Important social, occupational, recreational activities relinquished
- ☐ Recurrent physically hazardous use
- ☐ Continued use despite knowledge of contraindicated physical or psychological condition
- ☐ Tolerance
- ☐ Withdrawal symptoms

Summary - 0 of 11 symptoms (Mild 2-3 | Moderate 4-5. Severe 6+)

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

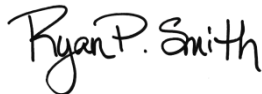
Treatment Recommendations:

- 1) Attend a local MADD – Victim Impact Panel, 5900 Roche Dr. #250
Columbus, OH 43229, Phone - 614.885.6233, email - oh.state@madd.org
- 2) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any alcohol use it is recommended Mr. Core seek further evaluation and follow all treatment recommendations.

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

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

Sincerely,



Ryan P. Smith MSW, LISW-S, LICDC, SAP
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cc: Greg Core

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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.