

January 28, 2014

Brian G. Jones, Esq.
The Law Offices of Brian Jones
2211 US Highway 23 North
Delaware, OH 43015

Re: Substance Abuse Assessment for Kevin Strickland

Dear Mr. Jones:

I performed a basic substance abuse assessment for Mr. Strickland in reference to his pending possession and paraphernalia charges. This assessment included the administration of: a MAST, a DAST, a depression screening, and a clinical interview. The following are my findings and recommendations:

Substance(s) of Concern: screened all substances including alcohol

MAST: score = 4; apparent signs/symptoms of an alcohol use disorder (screen further)

DAST: score= 10; overt signs/symptoms of substance disorder other than alcohol

DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns: *alcohol* – tolerance, used to treat anxiety, withdrawal symptoms (intermittent), associated conflict and negative impact on relationships; *various stimulant drugs* – negative impact on employment, negative impact on relationships and finances, hazardous use

Anxiety/ Depression Screening: numerous signs/symptoms of an anxiety disorder which have been complicated by his use of illicit substances and alcohol

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Strickland's written screenings provided a forthright indication that he has a history of problems with various substances including alcohol. He recently moved to Florida in order to remove himself from social influences toward drug use and reported that he has been successfully abstaining from all substances (with the exception of alcohol) for the past 4 months. We discussed his recent excessive use of alcohol and the concept of "self medication" of his anxiety condition. Mr. Strickland was very open in the interview and also appeared to be highly motivated to change the direction of his life toward a positive one by utilizing available treatment sources and focusing on a career direction.

DIAGNOSIS in reference to Substances: Polysubstance Use Disorder (early full remission); 303.90 (moderate alcohol use disorder); denies daily use of alcohol or active withdrawal symptoms but treatment providers should monitor for possible need of alcohol detox services

Recommendations: 1) Meet with a physician to further assess and treat anxiety disorder; 2) Reduce or Abstain from alcohol; review current health insurance plan and utilize Intensive Outpatient Benefits if available, followed by counseling with a substance abuse professional for transition and monitoring; 3) In addition to, or in lieu of #2 begin immediate AA or 12 Step Meeting Attendance at least 3 times per week; 4) Develop rapport with a substance abuse professional for support and consultation on an as-needed basis.

This information has been disclosed to you from records protected by Federal Confidentiality rules. The Federal rules prohibit you from making any further disclosure of this information unless further disclosure is expressly permitted by the written consent of the person to whom it pertains or as otherwise permitted by 42 C.F.R Part 2.

Sincerely,



Brian T. Davis, LISW-S, SAP
cc: Kevin Strickland