

August 15, 2014

Kerry Ellinger, Court Clerk  
Red River Municipal Court  
P.O. Box 964  
Red River, New Mexico 87558

**Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Larry Lackey**  
**Case #: 2014 000 35**

Dear Ms. Ellinger:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Lackey in reference to his pending DUI charge (.09 BAC) in Taos County, New Mexico. 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 45 minute face-to-face videoconferenced clinical interview. The following are my findings and recommendations:

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

**AUDIT:** score = 3/ negative; 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 legal consequences, previous treatment, conflict with significant others during or shortly after use of alcohol, guilt or regret associated with use; 0 of 11 symptoms found from the DSM 5 diagnostic criteria

**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

**Clinical Interview/Summary:** Mr. Lackey's written screenings provided no indication of an alcohol use disorder of any kind. He reported his normal use of alcohol as 1-2 drinks on 2-4 occasions per month. He reported his consumption amount being the same if consuming alcohol at a special occasion (weddings, birthdays, etc.). We discussed his DUI arrest at length but I was unable to find his presentation indicative of someone experiencing DSM 5 alcohol use disorder symptoms.

The state of New Mexico is requiring that he complete a *Traffic Survival* DUI school. I am of the opinion, to a reasonable degree of clinical certainty, that Mr. Williams does not have an alcohol use disorder and that successful completion of the New Mexico Traffic School is a sufficient intervention for him at this time.

**DSM 5 DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances:** V71.09

### **Treatment Recommendations:**

- 1) Successful completion of New Mexico's Traffic Survival School
- 2) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any alcohol use it is recommended Mr. Lackey seek further evaluation and follow all treatment recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist Mr. Lackey in this important matter. If you have any additional questions about his condition, please request a signed release of information and I will be glad to assist further.

Sincerely,



Brian Davis, LISW-S, SAP  
cc: Larry Lackey

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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.