

November 16, 2015

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Re: Substance Abuse Evaluation for Jason Cooper

Dear Mr. Fox:

I performed a basic substance abuse assessment for Mr. Cooper in reference to his August 2015 OVI charge in Madison 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 diagnosis; screening was valid with a lifetime frame of reference

MAST: score=2; no apparent indications of problem drinking; 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 acknowledged previous alcohol use to point of memory impairment; has extended family members who have current problems with alcohol; early indications of tolerance to alcohol

Depression Screening: no clinically significant concerns reported

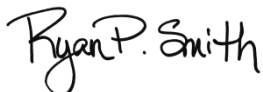
Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Cooper's written screenings provided some indications of an alcohol use disorder. He reported his normal use of alcohol over the past two years as 1-2 pints of an India Pale Ale on 1-2 occasions per week. He stated prior to this charge his use of alcohol would increase to 5-7 standard drinks on special celebrations, holidays, and large social events. His clinical interview revealed sufficient criteria to warrant a mild alcohol use disorder diagnosis (recurrent use beyond intention, use in hazardous situations, and tolerance to alcohol). Mr. Cooper appeared open and receptive to my recommendations which should help him to gain skills to moderate his overall alcohol use in both frequency and quantity.

DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances: F10.10 alcohol use disorder, mild; rule out F10.20 alcohol use disorder, moderate

Recommendations: **1) Counseling,** recommend 6-8 outpatient counseling sessions with a professional substance abuse counselor; sessions should focus on identification of triggers to excessive alcohol use and strategies to moderate his overall alcohol use; **2) Any subsequent negative consequence related to alcohol use in the next year should result in further counseling and evaluation to determine if a higher level of care is necessary.**

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

Sincerely,



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cc. Jason Cooper