

August 2, 2016

William R. Gallagher, Attorney
Arenstein & Gallagher
114 East 8th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Re: Discharge summary for Graham Mergler (DOB – 09/22/1996)

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

I am writing to update you on the counseling progress for Mr. Graham Mergler. Below are his original recommendations and his discharge summary:

DSM-5 DIAGNOSIS in Reference to Substances: F10.10 Mild Alcohol Use Disorder

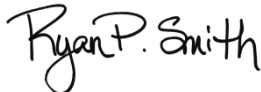
Treatment Recommendations:

- 1) Education – 9 hrs. of Ohio Health's Drug/Alcohol Awareness Series (Riverside Methodist Hospital contact 614-566-3700);
- 2) Outpatient Counseling – 4-8 outpatient sessions with a professional substance abuse counselor; update recommendations after 4th session and discharge as appropriate;
- 3) Abstinence – abstain from all alcohol use until of legal age, any consideration for resuming alcohol use should be done with the discretion and guidance of substance abuse professional

As of the above date, Mr. Mergler has attended 5 outpatient counseling sessions and has attended 3 hours of Ohio Health's AOD Awareness series. While it is recommended that he complete the rest of his education hours, I do not see a need for ongoing counseling at this time.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Graham Mergler

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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.