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Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Don Baker

Dear Mr. Long:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Baker in reference to his November 2013 OVI charge. This assessment included the administration of: a SASSI-3, a MAST, an AUDIT, a depression screening, and a clinical interview. The following are my findings and recommendations:

SASSI-3: no scores indicative of an alcohol use disorder at any level (mild, moderate, or severe)

MAST: score =1; indicates no apparent problem with alcohol

AUDIT: score=3; scores of "8" or more indicate hazardous alcohol use

DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns: prior OVI charge in 1987 and 1991; November 2013 blood alcohol

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Depression Screening: no clinically significant concerns reported

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Baker's written screenings provided no indication of an alcohol use disorder of any kind. He reports his normal use of alcohol as 2-4 standard drinks on 2-3 occasions per week. He also acknowledged exceptions to that norm on 1-2 occasions per year during holidays or special celebrations in which he may consume more than 6 standard drinks on one occasion. Mr. Baker's clinical interview did not reveal sufficient criteria to warrant an alcohol use disorder diagnosis. His interview did identify the following risk factors: one instance of use beyond intention, one instance of use in a hazardous situation, slight family history of problem alcohol use, and possible early signs of tolerance. While Mr. Baker did not meet alcohol abuse diagnostic criteria, due to the aforementioned identified risk factors, I am recommending some standard substance awareness education and follow-up outpatient counseling sessions to assist him in successfully moderating his alcohol consumption.

DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances: Rule out 305.00 mild alcohol use disorder

Recommendations: 1) <u>Education</u>, recommend completion of a 3-day driver intervention program (contact Wellness Driver 614-791-8300); 2) <u>Counseling</u>, recommend 5-7 sessions with a professional substance abuse counselor; 3) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any alcohol use within the next year, it is recommended Mr. Baker seek further evaluation where intensive outpatient counseling is considered as the minimum level of care.

Mr. Baker has signed a release to communicate the results of this assessment to you. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions about this assessment.

Sincerely,

Ryan P. Smith, LISW-S, SAP, LCDC-III

cc: Don Baker

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