

July 31, 2014

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Re: Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Cristopher Wise

Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

I performed a Clinical Alcohol Assessment for Mr. Wise in reference to his pending DUI charge. This assessment included the administration of: a Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI-3), a Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (MAST), an Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT), an anxiety/depression screening, and a 50 minute face-to-face clinical interview. The following are my findings and recommendations:

**SASSI-3**: negative screening; no scores indicative of an alcohol use disorder **MAST**: negative screening; score = 0; no direct or indirect indication of problem alcohol use

**AUDIT:** *negative screening;* score = 3; scores above 8 indicate hazardous use, above 13 indicate moderate to severe disorder present

**DSM/Other Substance Related Concerns:** denied subtle indicators of problem alcohol use including recurring mild hangovers, mild memory loss after use, repeat use to relieve emotional or work stress, previous treatment, conflict with significant others during or shortly after use of alcohol, guilt or regret associated with use; also denied any family history of alcohol use problems

Anxiety/Depression Screening: no clinically significant concerns reported

Substance Related Legal History Reported: October 2012 high test OVI (Halloween)

Clinical Interview/Summary: Mr. Wise's written screenings provided no indication of an alcohol use disorder. He reported his normal use of alcohol as 2-3 drinks on about 4 occasions per month. He also acknowledged infrequent use of 3-5 drinks on special occasions (weddings, birthdays, etc.). We discussed Mr. Wise's two DUI charges at length. While I was unable to find indications of any DSM-5 alcohol use disorder I noted, and he agreed, that his history of two alcohol related charges warranted some proactive and preventative measures in terms of basic alcohol education.

**DSM 5 DIAGNOSIS in reference to substances**: V71.09 (none found)

## **Treatment Recommendations:**

1) <u>Education</u>, recommend 9 hrs. of Ohio Health's Drug/Alcohol Awareness Series (Riverside Methodist Hospital, contact 614-566-3700);

2) If another negative consequence is incurred as a result of any alcohol use it is recommended Mr. Wise seek additional assessment and follow all treatment recommendations.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Davis, LISW-S, SAP

cc: Cristopher Wise

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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.

