## **Arbor Circle Counseling Services**

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## REPORT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENT

Client Name: Tim Atwood Client D.O.B. 08/11/1956

Date of Assessment: 07/25/2006

Diagnosis: 305.20 Cannabis Abuse, in reported Sustained Remission, since 03/2005

I: Presenting Problems: Tim Atwood was referred by Bethany Christian Services for a drug and alcohol use assessment. Mr. and Mrs. Atwood were present during the face to face interview process. Mr. Atwood is a 49 year old, Caucasian, disabled male who states that he and his wife are seeking to adopt their daughter's two children. He further states that both of their granddaughters are currently living in foster care.

II: Drug Use: Mr. Atwood states that he first used ALCOHOL when he was around 16 years of age. He indicates that he did not have a heavy use period of alcohol during his life; further reporting that he never drank more that 4-5 beers at a time when he did drink. He indicates that he was a youthful social drinker drinking on weekends 1-3 times per month. Tim reports that he can only remember drinking 4-5 beers in that last 32 years. First use of CANNABIS was at the age of 16. He reports that he used cannabis on a regular basis 2-3 times per week (a couple puffs only until about February, 2004). Since February, 2004 Mr. Atwood indicates that he has smoked only 2 times; only a puff or two. Last report of use March, 2005.

III: Testing Results: Mr. Atwood was given the SASSI-3 Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and the results are as follows: Mr. Atwood scored low on all profiles indicators of substance abuse, but did score high on Family vs. Controls profile. This elevation may indicate an individual who finds it difficult to recognize their own needs and often fixates on the frustrating task of getting other people to change. This profile fits Mr. Atwood's verbal report of the family situation with his daughters' behavior.

IV: Recommendations: Tim and his wife, Barb both appeared to be genuine and sincere during the interview process. They both maintained good eye contact and answered questions clearly with no hesitation. They both appeared to be concerned about the welfare of their grandchildren and clearly indicated how much they love and miss them. Tim's diagnosis 305.20 Cannabis Abuse in Sustained Remission is based on his self report along with verifications from his wife, Barb and meeting one indicator of Substance Abuse "Recurrent

use resulting in failure to fulfill role obligations." This diagnosis is based on Tim's report of smoking cannabis in the presents of his daughter. Due to abstinence of cannabis for over one year, no treatment is needed at this time.

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7/25/06 Date