

Psychological Risk Assessment Update of John W. Hinckley Jr

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him with a high five. Mr. Hyde reported that his affect is often somewhat flat but he can be more animated at times. Mr. Hyde did not report significant depression but there is periodic anxiety and irritation. Mr. Hyde described Mr. Hinckley as a "prolific" composer and song writer, who "can sit down and bang out a pop song" and is "really a talented musician." Mr. Hyde pointed out that there is often a theme of hope in his music, which leads him to be focused in positive way toward the future.

Deidre Cogan, art therapist, reported that she has been working with Mr. Hinckley since around June or July of 2009. Ms. Cogan reported that prior to the initiation of the treatment mall a studio art therapy program was developed with an emphasis on "building an art community." She reported that Mr. Hinckley "really enjoys painting" and is "prolific." In art therapy not much time is spend "processing the art work." His techniques have evolved and he has become "much less rigid." He produces "at least two paintings a week" and is "pretty spontaneous." He typically paints buildings, landscapes and abstract designs. She has "never seen anything noteworthy in terms of violence, sex or thought disorder" in his work. She stated that it "may be noteworthy that there are no people maybe cats." Ms. Cogan reported that art was "really grounding for him" and a "mood enhancing intervention." The art provides him with an opportunity to socialize. While he is "not a really verbal person" he is "very supportive of his peers" and "relatively compassionate." Ms. Cogan reported that she "used to see him as more self involved" but he has "gotten better in the last year and half." Ms. Cogan stated that, "I really do think there is a narcissistic element to making art" and "people usually want that recognition" but "don't think that is abnormal, don't think he wants excessive praise," adding that it "is frustrating by not having his work recognized." Ms. Cogan would not recommend insight oriented art therapy in Williamsburg but would recommend art classes perhaps from a community college. More professional art classes might be too critical. Art classes would also provide an opportunity for socialization. Ms. Cogan reported that his affect it typically flat but he does "smile and interact" with others. Ms. Cogan stated that "some of his work is actually quite good" and others "have commented on the strength of his pieces." Ms. Cogan reported that he did present with "some dysthymia" but his overall affect is "brighter now than a year ago."

Velora Jernigan-Pedrick, hospital librarian, reported that Mr. Hinckley continue to perform well at his job and remained stable and reliable. She reported that she did talk directly with Sandy Kochersperger at Eastern State Hospital to explain what Mr. Hinckley did at St. Elizabeths Hospital and help set up a comparable position there. She has not had further contact with Ms. Kochersperger. In terms of the incident with the dental resident, Ms. Jernigan-Pedrick reported that she checked the internet history and found "something questionable." When she discovered the pictures, she informed Mr. Shamblee. She reported that she and Mr. Hinckley did not discuss the incident and that the consequences were handled by the treatment team. In their daily interactions she reports that Mr. Hinckley discusses his outings and his plans and that she jokes with him about learning how to cook. She reported that he has discussed his relationship with Ms. CB and "when sick that concerns him." She stated that she joked with him about buying her a ring, telling him that giving a woman jewelry would mean to her they were engaged. She stated that he has not discussed Ms. CB recently. Ms. Jernigan-Pedrick

