# ANGER-AGGRESION-VIOLENCE ASSESSMENT CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

**NAME**: Mrs. Elizabeth Baumiester **AGE**: 42 GENDER: Female

**EDUCATION/GRADE**: High School Graduate

**MARITAL STATUS**: Married

LAST 4 DIGIST OF SSN: 1234 ETHNICITY/RACE : Caucasian

**DATE OF BIRTH**: N/A

**DATE AAVA SCORED**:07/13/2015

Anger-Aggression-Violence Assessment (AAVA) results are confidential and should be considered working hypotheses. No diagnosis or decision should be based solely upon AAVA results.

# **Self-Reported History**

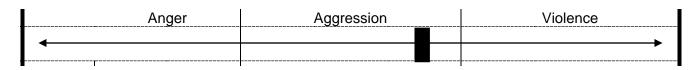
Number of DUI/DWI arrests:0	Age of first arrest:0			
Number of alcohol-related (not DUI/DWI) arrests:0	Number of assault arrests:0			
Number of drug-related (not DUI/DWI) arrests:0	Number of domestic violence arrests:0			
Attendance at anger-mgmt. classes:Yes	Counseling for anger, aggression or violence: Yes			
Scales (Domains)				
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Truthfulness Scale Moderate

LOW RISK	MODERATE	<b>PROBLEM</b>	MAX
+	++		+

<u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> Truthfulness Scale score is in the moderate range, which means of <u>her</u> scale (domain) scores are acceptable. Nevertheless, <u>she</u> has a tendency to be guarded regarding self-disclosure, which may be related to why <u>she</u> is being evaluated. Although <u>her</u> test results are acceptable, <u>her</u> scale (domain) scores should be interpreted carefully. There is a fine line between cautiousness and evasiveness. And <u>Mrs. Baumiester</u> is aware of why <u>she</u> was evaluated. Lest we forget, <u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> Truthfulness Scale (domain) results are acceptable.

## **Triad Scale: Anger-Aggression-Violence**



#### **Triad Scale**

<u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> Triad (Anger-Aggression-Violence) Scale score is in the moderate to problem aggression range, which means <u>she</u> would benefit from outpatient counseling. Two popular therapies are: Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) enhances a patient's social acceptance and quality of life by teaching positive behaviors that replace aggression. Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) can be used in individual or group counseling settings. Without counseling or treatment <u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> aggression will likely worsen. Carefully review <u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> other Alcohol, Drug and Stress (Coping) Management scale (domain) scores, as co-morbidity would complicate <u>her</u> treatment program.

## ADDITITIONAL INFORMATION

# **Anger-Aggression-Violence Assessment**

Anger, aggression and violence are interrelated concepts, which are related to verbal or physical activities that cause mental or physical discomfort or pain. Anger is an uncomfortable emotion characterized by antagonism. In the Anger-Aggression-Violence Assessment (AAVA) anger is a precursor to aggression (the intent is to psychologically harm another) which is viewed as a precursor to violence (the intent is to cause physical harm to another). It should be understood that there is disagreement on these classifications and definitions. The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) defines violence as any criminal offense that uses force, or the threat of force which includes assault, robbery and sexual assault. That said, the Triad Scale is conceptualized as a continuum from anger, through aggression to violence. A low Triad Scale score is in the anger range, whereas a high Triad Scale score in the violence range.

#### Alcohol Scale

<u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> Alcohol Scale score is in the **problem range**, which means <u>she</u> has a drinking problem. If <u>she</u> is "recovering" (item #129), <u>she</u> will need relapse prevention assistance. The recommended level of care includes outpatient treatment (e.g., cognitive behavior therapy) augmented with (not replaced by) Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings. Several psychotherapy approaches have demonstrated efficacy in alcohol treatment. These treatment programs include outpatient cognitive behavior therapy, contingency contracting, coping skills training and combined behavioral intervention. Without treatment <u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> alcohol-related problem will likely worsen. <u>Mrs. Baumiester</u> needs outpatient psychotherapy for her drinking problem.

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Drug Scale	Moderate	+	j j

# **Drug Scale**

<u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> Drug Scale score is in the moderate risk range. Moderate risk scorers have usually had some involvement with drugs, but do not manifest an established pattern of illicit drug use or abuse. Clarification of drug abuse consequences may be all that is needed to help <u>Mrs. Baumiester</u> curtail <u>her</u> drug use or abuse. A "brief intervention" involving 15 to 20 minutes of direct face-to-face staff-client (patient/offender) discussion, may serve as a wake-up call. Sometimes straight talk helps. At this time <u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> answers to the AAVA Drug Scale questions do not indicate that <u>she</u> has a serious drug-related problem. To complete a "substance use" assessment also check <u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> Alcohol Scale score.

# **Stress Management Scale**

	LOW RISK	MODERATE	+   MAX
Stress Management			
	+	++	 ++

<u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> Stress Management (coping) Scale answers place <u>her</u> in the moderate risk range, which means <u>her</u> stress management concerns are becoming apparent. <u>Mrs. Baumiester</u> would benefit from reading a stress management book. Many do-it-yourself books are available at local bookstores or libraries and articles are accessible on the Internet. Two people can be in the same stressful situation, yet one person handles their experienced stress well, while the other person is overwhelmed. In this example, the issue is not "are they experiencing stress," but how well do they "manage their experienced stress." Other low intensity or prophylactic intervention (stress management counseling or classes) might be preventive in nature.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

## Truthfulness Scale

Upon completion of a self-report test the question is always the same, "Was the client (offender or patient) truthful when answering questions?" The Anger-Aggression-Violence Assessment (AAVA) Truthfulness Scale helps answer that question. Client (patient, offender) truthfulness has been associated with positive treatment outcome (Barber, et al, 2001). Denial accompanies lack of accountability and resistance (Simpson, 2004). Problem minimization has also been linked to lack of treatment progress (Murphy & Baxter, 1997), treatment dropout (Evans, Libo & Hser, 2008), and recidivism (Nunes, et al, 2007; Grann & Wedin, 2002). Research shows that truthfulness is an important factor in diagnosis, treatment and recidivism. Research citations are available on <a href="https://www.anger-aggression-violence.com">www.anger-aggression-violence.com</a>.

# **Significant Items**

<u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> Anger-Aggression-Violence Assessment (AAVA) test results are unusual in that <u>she</u> did not trigger any significant items. For background, significant items are direct admissions or unusual responses. <u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> answers indicate <u>she</u> has no anger-aggression-violence problems or concerns. <u>Her</u> Truthfulness Scale score should answer the question "Is <u>Mrs. Baumiester</u> into massive denial?" If so, talk to <u>her</u> about a retest. Prior to retesting review AAVA retest procedures in the AAVA manual. If this is a retest <u>Mrs. Baumiester</u> may not be testable at this time.

## **Impulsiveness**

<u>Mrs. Baumiester's</u> Impulsivity (or impulsiveness) Scale score is in the low risk range, which means <u>she</u> is not usually an impulsive person. For background, there is some disagreement regarding the definition of impulsiveness. We use Wikipedia's (2015) definition, "Impulsiveness is a tendency to act on a whim, displaying behavior characterized by little or no forethought, reflection, or consideration of the consequences." Research has linked impulsiveness with disruptive behaviors, criminal offenses and patient's decision making. That said,, <u>Mrs. Baumiester</u> is not an impulsive person.

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