

Vermont Board of Nursing

Guidelines for Independent Evaluations (Substance Use Disorders)

The following outline is provided by the Vermont State Board of Nursing for Independent Evaluators (Substance Use Disorders). The evaluation should provide information in sufficient detail to allow the Board to make a decision regarding the course of action for this Respondent/Licensee/Applicant.

Name of Client

Date of Evaluation

Length of time to conduct this evaluation

Evaluator's name, credentials and contact information

Areas to be included in your written evaluation

Statement confirming that the Independent Evaluator has reviewed all Board of Nursing Orders related to the licensee (including a list of the case numbers and dates of entry for the Board Orders reviewed)

Presenting Problem

Social History

Mental Status

Drug and Alcohol Abuse History

Addiction Treatment History

Present Status

Current Medications (Prescribed & OTC)

Information obtained and verified from sources other than the client (urine screen results, medical records related to previous and ongoing treatment, prescriptions, etc.)

Results of screening tool(s) used: SASSI and/or other screening measure(s)

Impression/Evaluation

Diagnostic Impression

Recommendations to the Board of Nursing (specific and clearly identified) including:

- The need for continuing treatment or a relapse prevention plan
- A statement of this individual's potential to practice nursing without posing a risk to the safety, health, and welfare of his/her potential patients/clients.

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