

Medical Summary Report

January 17, 2023

Re: Mr. Flick
DOB: 00/00/0000
SS No. 000-00-0000

Dear DDS Examiner:

Introduction

Mr. Flick is a 49-year-old chronically homeless male. Mr. Flick was recently released from prison and was receiving benefits prior to his incarceration, but was incarcerated for 18 months and had his benefits terminated. Mr. Flick states, "I didn't tell them that I went out of county and they need to keep up with where I am." Mr. Flick is short and of average build. He has poor hygiene. He wears dirty pants and a grungy jean jacket with a threadbare plaid collared shirt underneath. He wears a blue cap that sits barely on top of his gray hair. His shoes have holes with his toes poking out. When he walks he shuffles his feet across the ground with a limp. Mr. Flick does not have any teeth, which makes it difficult to understand what he is saying. He does have a speech problem, where he is unable to pronounce the letter "R" and he stutters frequently. It is noted in records, that this writer did not obtain, that he has a very low IQ. The Disability Determination Service (DDS) should have these records from Mr. Flick's prior file.

It was difficult to get information from Mr. Flick due to his inability to understand many of the questions the first time asked, poor insight, and difficulty expressing his symptoms. During the interview, Mr. Flick states in a disorganized and stuttering manner:

"I g...g...got a lot of mood problems [problems]...I g...get upset a lot if I'm not on my m...m...meds...I can tell when I'm not on my med cause I cain't talk right and stuff...I...f...f...feel like their...um...hearing things sometimes telling me to hurt somebody...I'm just stupid...stupid...stupider than everyone...When I was young I used to be real good in my life. I don't know what happened. When I caught that sex charge everything started turn...turning for me...It was the 80's or something...You know the 80's when I...I...worked to crush rocks...People are bad to me and make...make...make fun of me...I don't like being with them because they try to get me too much...I got to get away from here and say hi to my family in another county...I got to get out of here."

According to Prison records from 7/1/2008 to 1/27/2011, Mr. Flick has been diagnosed with an Axis I diagnosis of Mood Disorder NOS, Hypertension and GERD. Mr. Flick has been treated at other facilities and the DDS should have those in Mr. Flick's prior file. His current diagnosis from Dr. Lime is Major Depression, Generalized Disorder and Speech disorder-rule out.

Mr. Flick's symptoms include disorganized thoughts, mood swings, easy distractibility, auditory and visual hallucinations, grandiose thoughts, loose associations, severe paranoid thinking, suicide attempts, anger outbursts, decreased energy, severe social anxiety, and difficulty concentrating and focusing with frequent confusion.

When asked about his diagnosis, Mr. Flick states in a suspicious tone and looking at the table, “I just mood swing. I don’t understand things...I don’t understand the bad things...I get the weird...You know the weird things sometimes.”

Mr. Flick’s mental health symptoms significantly impair all areas of functioning. These impairments have had a direct affect on his ability to maintain stable housing when not in Prison since 2006 and employment since 1986.

Personal History is not being summarized because this is in his prior file

Medical Records

Mr. Flick has been receiving treatment for his mental health issues “for years” although this writer did not obtain those records since the DDS already has them. This writer requested records from the County Correctional Facility, since those are the only records DDS has not obtained.

Prison Records

County Correctional Facility

Mr. Flick was arrested 7/1/2008 for Violation of Sex Offender Registry. While incarcerated at the County Correctional Facility, Dr. Thomas, MD treated Mr. Flick. Dr. Thomas diagnosed him with an Axis I diagnosis of Mood Disorder NOS. Dr. Thomas treated Mr. Flick with Depakote 500mg and Loxitane 10mg.

On 12/2/2010 Mr. Flick attempted to commit suicide. Records state, “I/M escorted to medical per security. C reports I/M attempted to hang self...I/M reports he was placed in [segregation] due to issues with a gang member. I/M reports he has been increasingly depressed until he couldn’t take it anymore. He placed a thin T-shirt like material around his neck and attempted to hang himself. I/M is noted to have some mild red marking to neck area.”

Other records were difficult to read, although to this writer’s knowledge, there were no other major concerns while incarcerated.

He was released on 1/27/2011 to the city shelter.

Mental Status Exam

Dr. Kathy Lime performed a current mental status exam on 2/11/2011 that will be included with the submission of this report. Dr. Lime states, “Speech was somewhat impaired but we had no problems communicating. Short and long term memory were consistent with overall ability. Ability, fund of knowledge and insight were below normal...Mood and affect were nervous and anxious...He was not able to complete serial 3s or 7s but was able to count backwards from 100 by 1s...He indicated that he has not used alcohol or drugs in 10 years...He feels down and very sad when depressed. He described being despondent but didn’t use that word. He feels very stressed and he described being overwhelmed...He has had a lot of anger and irritability. He is often upset. He feels ‘off’ at times around people. He has heard voices that are not there at night. He has heard voices telling him to hurt people. They come from outside his head. He does not recognize the voices...He knows they are voices.” In Dr. Lime’s conclusion, she states, “He has an inability to manage money, medication, and travel. He has moderate problems with social

stress and social decision making.” Dr. Lime diagnosed Mr. Flick with Major Depression disorder, Generalized Disorder and Speech disorder-rule out.

Functional Information

Mr. Flick displays significant impairments in all areas of functioning. Due to the symptoms of his mental illness, specifically his anxiety, mood swings and extreme paranoid thinking, Mr. Flick has been unable to maintain stable housing when he is out of jail since 2006 and employment since 1986.

Understand, Remember and Apply Information

When this writer asked Mr. Flick if he is able to go to the grocery store on his own for food, he states, “I can’t read or write because I got a 7th grade completed...Can’t do things alone...I got a friend at this place [Drop in Center] who helps me with things. He’s real nice.” When asked if he is able to complete daily chores, he states while looking at the table, “Don’t remember always.” When asked if he is able to manage money and medications, he states, “I don’t do money cause I can’t count...I put my pills in my pocket in the morning and try to remember to take them.” Mr. Flick relies on the drop-in center staff to remind him to take his meds, as he “locks my meds up in the office so they give them to me.” On one occasion, Mr. Flick forgot to turn his medication into the drop-in center staff, and he lost it. He was without it for 4 days before he reported it to staff.

When asked if there are any regular things that others can do that he can’t do so well, he states while looking at the ceiling and shaking his head, “Read, write, count...Most people went to school.” Dr. Lime also states in her MSE, “He remembers to take his medications with a great deal of help from a friend...He cannot count money, write checks or pay bills. He cannot read his own mail and can’t fill out paperwork and forms...He feels uneasy on the wheel and feels that he might lack concentration now. He can take the bus only with assistance...He feels that he lacks ability to follow instructions now for daily decisions. He falters on minor things. He has trouble sleeping.”

As previously mentioned in this report, Dr. Lime states in her MSE (dated 2/11/2011), Mr. Flicks’ “Ability, fund of knowledge and insight were below normal...Mood and affect were nervous and anxious...He was not able to complete serial 3s or 7s but was able to count backwards from 100 by 1s...”

Due to the symptoms that Mr. Flick experiences from his mental illness, he displays significant limitations in the ability to understand, remember and apply information.

Interact with Others

Mr. Flick does not have a lot of family support. He states, “I ain’t got too much family left. I ain’t talked to them since I been locked up...They in another city. They are nice, but far away...I don’t c...c...c...care for people too much, I stay away and to myself...They argue with me, and I a...argue with them.” When asked if he has any problems with relationships, he states as he laughs in a flat manner, “I’d married three times and I was always the good one...I’d been treated bad...I married the same lady two times, and one...one...one time in prison I married her

in 2000...I got two sons that...that think I'm a brunt...You know...not smart I guess...I don't talk to them." This writer has noticed while he is at the drop-in center during the day, he is always sitting alone and not talking with others. On one occasion, Mr. Flick was without his medications and he was yelling very loud at this writer blaming this writer for his medications being lost. Mr. Flick required extreme redirection and this writer asked Mr. Flick to come outside for a walk and he states, "I'm too sorry for all this...I just feel weird...Just real weird." It was very obvious that other members were bothered by his loud aggressive tone with this writer. This writer was able to calm Mr. Flick down and connect him with drop-in center staff to assist him with medications. Dr. Lime states in her MSE, "He was close to his mother but not as much with his father...He tends to argue a lot in relationships...He used to fish and hunt but that was a long time ago. He is able to handle a very light amount of stress but not a normal amount of stress. He is not able to make social decisions...He has moderate problems with social stress and social decision making."

Due to the symptoms that he experiences from his mental illness, Mr. Flick displays significant limitations when interacting with others.

Concentrate, Persist or Maintain Pace

Mr. Flick reports having a difficult time staying focused sometimes. He states, "I...I...I get confused sometimes...I got a hard time sometime." Mr. Flick does not seem to forget appointments, as he becomes extremely fixated on them. Before every appointment with Mr. Flick, he calls this writer at least three to four times to remind this writer about the appointment. It is unclear if a friend is reminding him of the appointment or if he is remembering on his own. When asked if he becomes distracted easily, he states, "I get distracted when I get moody swingy...I get mad a lot...I get nervous at the Service Center cause there is so many people...so many there that I get quivery sometimes...I can...do some things sometimes." Dr. Lime states in her MSE, "He can focus and concentrate...He can understand simple instructions...Short and long term memory were consistent with overall ability. Ability...below normal."

Due to the symptoms that he experiences from his mental illness, Mr. Flick displays significant limitations in his ability to concentrate and persistently maintain pace.

Adapt or Manage Oneself

Mr. Flick is currently living at the city shelter. Mr. Flick has been in and out of prison "my whole life" but since 2006, he has been at the city shelter "when I get out. No place...place...place to go...It will put ya there...I'm stupid sometimes...Feel real stupid. People make fun too." When asked if he is able to manage money and medications, he states, "I don't do money cause I can't count...I put my pills in my pocket in the morning and try to remember to take them."

Mr. Flick does not currently take care of any other people or pets. Mr. Flick can bathe, dress and use the toilet on his own. When asked how often he bathes, he states, "Every couple days. I do...do...don't do it at the shelter 'cause they too mean there...I come to Service Center [drop-in center]...They nice up here, really."

Due to the symptoms that he experiences from his mental illness, Mr. Flick displays functional limitations in managing his self-care.

Conclusion

Mr. Flick is a 49-year-old divorced, Caucasian chronically homeless male. According to Prison records from 7/1/2008 to 1/27/2011, Mr. Flick has been diagnosed with an Axis I diagnosis of Mood Disorder NOS, Hypertension and GERD. Mr. Flick has been treated at other facilities and the DDS should have those in his prior file. Mr. Flick's symptoms include disorganized thoughts, mood swings, easy distractibility, auditory and visual hallucinations, grandiose thoughts, loose associations, severe paranoid thinking, suicide ideations/attempts, anger outbursts, decreased energy, severe social anxiety that results in hallucinations, and difficulty concentrating and focusing with frequent confusion. The impairments that are caused by his mental illness have had a direct affect on his ability to maintain stable housing out of prison since 2006 and employment since 1986. If Mr. Flick were to be approved for benefits, it is this writer opinion that he would need assistance with managing his money due to his poor insight and constant confusion.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Smith at 111-111-1111 or Dr. Kathy Lime at 222-222-2222.

Sincerely,

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