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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Kevin Barber, LSCW, LCSW (A.K.A. Squishy Man) as a "Traveling Therapist, Comedy Counselor" in a corporate/business setting. We recently hired Kevin for an annual research study retention event to provide entertainment and a motivational/inspirational message to the study participants and were very happy with the experience and results.

Kevin responded to our request for the speaking engagement immediately and was very accommodating both in terms of availability and budget. He took a substantial amount of time learning about that group that he would be speaking to and adapted his performance to the crowd appropriately. His performance was funny, inspiring, uplifting, and relatable.

Overall, we were pleased with the success of the event and would recommend Kevin as a speaker for future events of this nature.

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