Clear and Objective Language Exercise

Please read the following statements and rewrite them so they will be clear and objective. Be able to explain what was wrong with the original statement.

Example:

Client was filthy and disheveled. → Client’s arms, legs, and face were caked with dirt. His shirt was stained and unbuttoned. His trousers hung down to his knees. There were urine stains on his pant legs. He had no socks on and only one shoe.

1. Visit to home of 55 year old double amputee, Mr. Williams. Neighbors complain that he has filled his home with trash which is attracting vermin. The client’s behavior was inappropriate during the visit.

2. Client states her sister, who is her primary source of care, worries a lot about everything. After interviewing the sister, she is paranoid.

3. Case closure summary submitted by APS Social Worker: Despite all I have done for her over the months, the client is manipulative and is never satisfied.

4. After APS report from physician, visit to home of 92 year old woman who lives alone in the country. Client was inappropriately dressed.

5. Client states he gives his brother money since his brother was laid off six months ago. The brother appears to be a drunk.

6. Home visit with client, her adult son, and adult daughter. Both adult children reside with the client. This is a dysfunctional family.