

MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDER INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR APPOINTMENT PROGRAM

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Purpose

- Penal Code (PC) Sections 2962(d)(2) and PC 2966 requires the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) to evaluate offenders and determine whether they meet Mentally Disordered Offender (MDO) criteria.
- When there is a difference of opinion between the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the Department of State Hospitals (DSH)
- As requested by the inmate or his or her attorney.

Panels

- Formed 14 panels
- 36 Prisons
- Atascadero
- Patton



Panels

Evaluators may be on multiple panels

Panel 14 Atascadero: must select at least one other panel.

Panel 1	PEBP
Panel 2	CCC, HDSP
Panel 3	CME, SOL, SQ
Panel 4	FOL, MCSP, SAC, PWF
Panel 5	CHCF, DVI, SOC
Panel 6	OCWF, VSP
Panel 7	CTP, SVSP
Panel 8	ASP, COB, KVSP, NKSP, PVSP, SATF, WSP
Panel 9	CMC
Panel 10	CAC, OCL, LAC
Panel 11	CM, CW, CRC, Patton State Hospital
Panel 12	CVSP, ISP
Panel 13	CAL, CEN, RJD
Panel 14	Atascadero State Hospital

Assignments

- County Jail assignments are made based on the jail's proximity to an institution.
- Appointments are made on a rotational basis.
- Response is required within 24 hours.
- Rush cases require immediate response.
- Reports are due in 10 calendar days.
Rush cases are the exception.

Minimum Qualifications

- Referral by DSH and CDCR;
- Submit current resume;
- Possess five years experience in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders;
- Possess a valid license in good standing with the California Board of Psychology;
- Provide annual documentation of symptom-free tuberculin skin testing and evaluation.
- Meet requirements for entrance into CDCR institutions and state hospitals.

Minimum Qualifications, continued

- Attend the eight-hour orientation in full, including a segment on the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Annually sign and submit the MDO Evaluator Participation Form.
- Open and maintain an account in the Disability and Effective Communication System (DECS) database.
- Open and maintain a "Watchdox" account by registering an email address for access to electronic email files.

Exclusion

- Clinicians shall not be a California state government employee.
- No CDCR or DSH employee, full time, part time or through contract may be used as an independent evaluator.

Removal from Panel

- Failure to review DECS history;
- Repeatedly missing due dates;
- Failure to follow standardized MDO report format;
- Failure to meet with the offender in person;
- Referral to the California Board of Psychology for alleged misconduct;
- If charged with a felony crime, the clinician shall inform the BPH immediately of charges. If convicted, or the clinician fails to inform the BPH of charges, the clinician shall be permanently removed from all panels.
- Failure to qualify for entrance to a facility.

Invoicing

- Invoices are available on the Board's website.
- Submit invoices to:
 - By email to: BPHAccountingLiaison@cdcr.ca.gov
 - By US Postal Service to: Board of Parole Hearings
Attention: Accounting Liaison Unit
P.O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

If interested in Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) visit our website to download the form at http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/BOPH/MDO_Evaluators.html

Contact the BPH MDO Unit

- DOP Assignments: BPHMDOEvaluation@cdcr.ca.gov
- Assignments for Certification, Placement and Annual Reports: CDCRBPHMDOHearings@cdcr.ca.gov
- General Questions: MDO.independentEvals@cdcr.ca.gov

Questions?
