

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS**

P.O. Box 4036  
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036



May 18, 2018

Dear Psychologist:

Pursuant to Penal Code § 2978(b), the Board of Parole Hearings' (BPH) panel of independent evaluators must be renewed annually by the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Independent evaluators are assigned by the BPH to evaluate Mentally Disordered Offenders (MDO) at a California state prison or a state hospital, typically at Atascadero or Patton State Hospitals.

The minimum qualifications to become an MDO Independent Evaluator include a current, valid license in good standing with the California Board of Psychology, five years of post-doctorate licensed experience in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders and written proof of a tuberculosis symptom-free test. In addition, an MDO Independent Evaluator may not be a current California state government employee. Independent evaluators are required to attend mandatory orientation which is held annually in September in Northern and Southern California.

The BPH invites you to apply to be on the BPH Independent Evaluator Panel by submitting an application to the DSH Forensic Services Division at [BPHIndependentPanelApp@dsh.ca.gov](mailto:BPHIndependentPanelApp@dsh.ca.gov) or by mail to:

Attn: MDO Application  
Department of State Hospitals  
Forensic Services Division  
1600 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 410  
Sacramento, CA 95814.

All applications must be received by June 29, 2018.

Additional information regarding the appointment process can be found at our website at [https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/BOPH/MDO\\_Evaluators.html](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/BOPH/MDO_Evaluators.html). If you should have any further questions, please contact us at [MDO.IndependentEvals@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:MDO.IndependentEvals@cdcr.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. G. Moeller", is written over a white background.

Daniel G. Moeller  
Associate Chief Deputy Commissioner  
Board of Parole Hearings

Attachment: Independent Evaluator Application