NOTICE

The Department of Mental Health has announced public hearings regarding proposed regulations

CHAPTER 15. ASSESSMENT OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS will be added to Title 9, California Code of Regulations. Sections 4000 and 4005 will be created.

This will be the new

STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL FOR SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR EVALUATIONS

(a.k.a. The Evaluator Handbook)

The promulgation process calls for public comments. One can go to the hearing, submit written comments, or do both. The written comments can be mailed, FAXed, or emailed.

A public hearing regarding this proposal will be held on May 11, 2009, in the California Room at the Department of Motor Vehicles Offices located at 2120 Broadway in Sacramento, California. It will start at 9:00 A.M. and end when all comments have been received or at 5:00 P.M. whichever comes first.

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Comments may also be submitted by facsimile (FAX) at (916) 651-3852 or by e-mail to regulations@dmh.ca.gov. Comments must be submitted prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2009.

The rule the DMH is trying to promulgate will affect every sex offender in prison in California, and every sex offender parolee who gets violated. It also will affect every person presently being detained pursuant to the SVPA who was previously evaluated while in the custody of the CDCR and is now in the adjudication process or has been civilly committed to the DMH.

It is important that every person affected and their families, friends, and concerned citizens make public comments on this proposed rule, as the Evaluator Handbook has always dictated the criteria which will determine whether or not a person is civilly committed under the SVPA.

MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE DMH!