

STOP THE CLOSURE OF 450 INPATIENT BEDS

STOP THE REDUCTION OF SERVICES TO
PATIENTS WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS

STOP THE ABOLITION/LAYOFF OF 120
EMPLOYEES

KEEP THE 12 MONTH CLOSURE NOTICE

**THE STATE BUDGET PUTS THE SQUEEZE ON THE
MIDDLE CLASS!**



OMH is abdicating its responsibility to provide access to appropriate mental health services by reducing the number of beds and lowering the standard of care for severely mentally ill patients.

FACT

The proposed Transitional Placement Program would diminish the level of care for 300 patients from a fully staffed, full clinical treatment model to that of an outpatient model of care with minimal clinical programming. Plans to stop providing clinical care to long term patients who are not ready to receive services in the community is a return to warehousing of the mentally ill.

FACT

The level of care for sexual offenders will be reduced from a 2.0:1 staffing level to 1.5:1. This will result in a lower standard of treatment for these dangerous criminals.

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The demand for mental health services is likely to increase, not decrease, in an economic downturn. There is no evidence of reduced demand for inpatient beds. The closure of 450 adult inpatient beds, 11% of current capacity, by closing or restructuring 18 wards, will deny access to needed mental health treatment for persons with severe mental illness.

FACT

The OMH budget includes the abolition of 120 employees, yet increases overtime payment by \$24.4 million in the Adult Services Program. This increased overtime funding could support over 350 full time state employees.

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Article VII legislation would allow OMH to avoid the law requiring 12 month notice to local governments, community organizations, labor, and advocacy groups for significant reduction of services when closing hospital wards. The notice allows reconsideration of any reduction in services and facilitates a well planned transition for patients, communities and employees.

**MAKE WEALTHY NEW YORKERS AND
CORPORATIONS PAY THEIR FAIR
SHARE OF TAXES BEFORE HARMING
OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS.**

**MAINTAIN ACCESS TO QUALITY
MENTAL HEALTH CARE.**

**RESTORE \$6.4 MILLION TO THE OMH
BUDGET.**



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