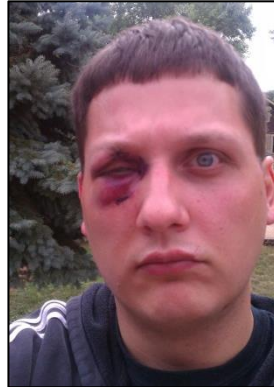


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ISSUE: SUPPORT SAFE STAFFING!

Clocking in should never mean putting your life on the line. That's why AFSCME members who work with violent patients are standing up for safe staffing.

Patients punch, kick, bite and choke staff. Concussions, broken bones, open wounds and eye injuries are common for workers who care for the mentally ill. State-run hospitals are so understaffed and so overworked that it's downright dangerous. See the stories on Facebook at [Safe Staffing MN](#).

Governor Dayton's budget answers our cry for help. He wants \$84 million for safe staffing at Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC), St. Peter Security Hospital, and MSOCS group homes. In addition, his bonding proposal includes \$70 million to expand the Security Hospital in St. Peter; \$27 million to improve Sex Offender Treatment facilities in Moose Lake and St. Peter; and \$2.25 million for safety renovations at AMRTC. The Governor's plan also includes \$7.5 million to construct a new CABHS facility in Willmar. It would save AFSCME jobs at the Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services program, which is a temporary home to help kids with mental health crises.

"Decades of neglect have made these facilities more dangerous to both care providers and patients," Dayton said. "It is imperative that the Legislature correct some of these deficiencies this year."

Text SAFE to 237263 to be connected to your state legislators.

Or call your senator at 1-855-420-7709 and your representative at 1-855-957-6655.

ASK YOUR LEGISLATORS TO: Support Governor Dayton's budget for safe staffing at state-run psychiatric facilities.