

My name is Penny Hill I live in Sidney Maine I am a mental Health Worker I have worked at Riverview and Amherst for over 34 years.

I myself have had many assaults from aggressive patients I was sexually assaulted 2 times I tried screaming for help I was so scared nothing came out of my mouth. I had a metal chair thrown at my back I passed blood for 1 week after. I had a patient pull my hair and knock me face first on the floor I also had a patient kick my legs out from under me knock me down on both knees (now I have pain in both knees when I stand for long periods of time).

I have witnessed many traumatic assaults I had a co worker pass out in my arms because a patient bit out a mouth full of flesh from her arm.

I had a co worker hit so hard
 it knocked him down and the
 patient I jump up and down kicking
 co workers legs. Co worker went
 to the hospital via ambulance the
 bone in his leg was exposed.
 Staff member never returned to work
 he walks with a cane the rest
 of his life. A female staff member
 was hit and kicked in the head
 by a assaultive pt she suffered
 a brain injury. 1 year later
 she took her own life leaving
 behind a daughter. She couldn't
 live in the pain emotionally and
 pschically anymore. We had a
 male staff member 50-60 years
 old a former Augusta fire fighter
 hit so many times in the face
 every bone in his face was
 broken. He never returned to work
 I held towels on the head of my
 co worker who had his head split
 open due to a aggressive pt. I escorted
 co worker to the hospital.

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 3 staff

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Doctor said the skull was exposed
my co worker asked me to take
a picture *(you will see the picture
I took). Our chaplain was hit my
a boxer so hard it knocked him
out and caused a brain bleed
This assault was racial motivated
chaplain was hospitalized for 2 weeks

I have seen a co worker choked
to the point it damaged his wind
pipe, 2 years later the same pt
stab a pregnant mhw ~~was~~ many xs
he told the court he wanted to
kill her, she had to have 2 surgeries
This mhw was my daughter!!!

Thank you for listening to us
Please pass this bill we have
devoted our life to the mentally
ill. let us retire while we can.