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Assaulted State Hospital Workers Demand Improved Security

Hagerstown -Employees from the Potomac Center who have been assaulted by hospital residents will be joined by 30 co-workers and other hospital workers from across the State of Maryland to call for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to improve staffing levels, provide better training and increase programming for residents to improve safety for both staff and residents.

WHO:

Press availability:

Darrell Fowler – Potomac Center employee 4 years – assaulted by a resident/patient Friday, May 13th – broken metatarsal bones (foot).

Ashley Lewis – Former Potomac center employee – assaulted by a resident/patient May 2015 – Facial lacerations, broken bones in head.

Ginger Noble – President of AFSCME Local 354 (Washington and Frederick County Employees) – will discuss efforts of union members to work with management at the Potomac Center to improve staffing levels, training for employees and programming for residents to improve safety for employees and residents and state hospitals.

WHEN/WHERE:

AFSCME Maryland Council 3 Office - 511 East Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

11:30AM, Thursday, 6.9.16

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AFSCME Maryland Council 3, The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, represents more than 25,000 state and university employees in Maryland.