



South Beach Psychiatric Center workers let their feelings be known about Gov. Mario Cuomo's layoff plans. S.I. Advance Photo by Steve Zaffarano

Psychiatric workers protest cuts

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About 100 workers, including psychiatrists, social workers, and registered nurses, staged a noon-time rally at the South Beach Psychiatric Center yesterday to protest budget cuts proposed for the state Office of Mental Health that would mean transfers and layoffs at both South Beach and

other state mental health facilities.

The rally was called by the Public Employees Federation (PEF) in response to Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's planned elimination of 2,000 mental health jobs state-wide.

Even as the workers were rallying, more than 200 out-patients

who are treated at the Island's only South Beach-run satellite clinic — located at 392 Seguire Ave. in Princes Bay — were being notified that that facility will be closed.

South Beach Psychiatric Center currently operates 10 out-pa-

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