

Capital Confidential: Job of the Week: One tough gig at CNY Psych Center

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The Central New York Psychiatric Center in Oneida County is looking for a new executive director.

CNYPC, a state Office of Mental Health facility, is a 206-bed, maximum-security inpatient forensic hospital, which provides services at satellite branches as well.

If you are a psychiatrist, the job would pay \$200,588 to \$233,438. So the pay is pretty good — but whoever gets this gig will definitely have to earn it.

The state Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association reported in May that there had been 48 assaults on security staff at the facility over a four-week period.

“Many of those staff members have needed hospital treatment as a result of the attacks and have been unable to return to work,” said John Harmon, a NYSCOPBA vice president.

“We will continue to communicate our concerns to the administration at the Office of Mental Health until appropriate measures are taken to safeguard our members,” he said.

A union spokesman said the organization didn’t know if the departure of the most recent executive director had any connection with the union’s campaign to improve staff safety at the facility.

According to the job posting, the executive director is the chief executive officer of CNYPC, and is responsible for all clinical and non-clinical programs and activities of the psychiatric center, plus satellite and mental health units and sex offender treatment program.

In addition to the inpatient hospital, CNYPC also operates “corrections-based services, consisting of a network of satellite and mental health units located in designated NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision facilities throughout New York State.”

More information about CNYPC [can be found at this website](#).
For more information about the job itself, [here is a link to the posting](#).
Applications are due June 17.