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Talk about getting knocked around every which way but loose.

First it was the July 10th announcement by the Cuomo administration that within the next year it was planning to shut down inpatient services at the Elmira Psychiatric Center.

That was followed a few weeks later by a second Cuomo administration announcement, this one on July 26th, that 2014 would also bring the closing of the Monterey Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility in Schuyler County.

To say the least, it's been a stretch of hard knocks for our region. The Cuomo administration's approach appears to be taking a particular toll locally and in other upstate communities – without making fiscal or programmatic sense.

Which means we have our work cut out for us to try to save these facilities and all that they mean to so many local communities, to say nothing of the statewide systems of health care and correctional services.

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