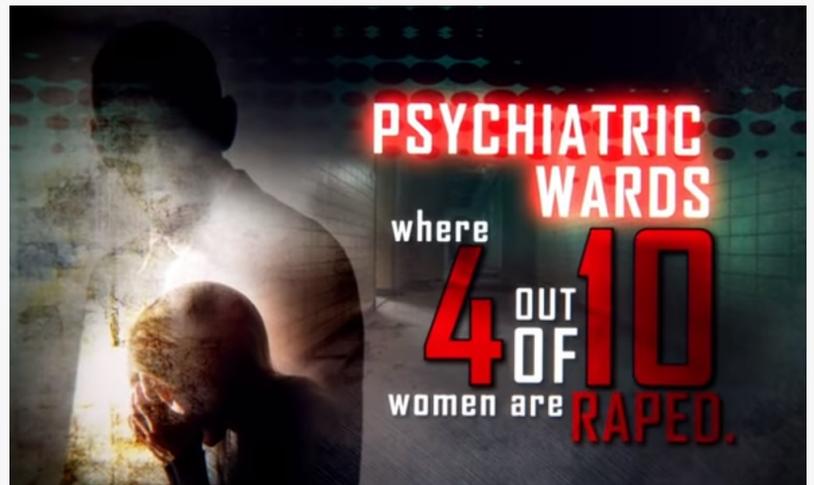


Mental Health Watchdog Calling for Laws Against Psychiatrist Sexual Abuse

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights launched a petition for the introduction of laws to prosecute sexual harassment and assault of mental health patients.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) International has launched a [grass roots petition](#) for the introduction of laws to prosecute sexual harassment and assault of mental health patients. CCHR, a non-profit mental health watchdog dedicated to investigating and exposing abusive psychiatric practices created the petition in support of better patient protection laws.



Sexual Crimes by Psychiatrists 37 Times Greater than Rapes in General Community

The recent #MeToo movement has saturated the media with often suppressed sexual assault incidents, yet no field is more overlooked than psychiatry when it comes to sex crimes. In fact, 60% of psychiatrists and psychologists sexually abuse their patients, including children as young as 3 years old. Moreover, these sexual crimes are estimated at 37 times greater than rapes occurring in the general community, with an estimate that psychiatrists and psychologists have assaulted more than 150,000 female patients alone. [1]

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A woman is statistically at greater risk of being raped while on a psychiatrist's couch than while jogging alone at night through a city park.”

CCHR International

“Hard statistics demonstrate the need for action,” said Ms. Diane Stein, [CCHR Florida](#) President.

“CCHR's petition calls for the introduction of laws which would prosecute sexual harassment and assault of mental health patients”, said Ms. Stein.

A mental health survey has reported that 65% of new patients report previous psychiatrists who have sexually abused them, both male and female. [2] In a recent U.S. survey of patient-practitioner sex, 73% of psychiatrists who admitted sexual contact with patients cited "love" or "pleasure," while 19% said it was for "patient self-esteem," "restitutive emotional experience," or a "judgment lapse".[3]

For these reasons CCHR Florida is actively supporting the current call for legislation to protect mental health patients who suffer practitioner abuse. In parallel with the #MeToo movement, it has

encouraged all such victims to speak out now with their stories. "This is the perfect time to do so," said Ms. Stein. "It will help enormously in bringing much-needed legal regulation into existence."

If you or someone you know have suffered [sexual abuse](#) at the hands of any mental health practitioner, please call CCHR Florida at 727-442-8820, or visit www.cchrflorida.org/report-psychiatric-abuse. To join the call for legislation to protect mental health patients from sexual abuse please sign the petition.

About CCHR: Initially established by the Church of Scientology and renowned psychiatrist Dr. Thomas Szasz in 1969, CCHR's mission is to eradicate abuses committed under the guise of mental health and enact patient and consumer protections. It was L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology, who brought the terror of psychiatric imprisonment to the notice of the world. In March 1969, he said, "Thousands and thousands are seized without process of law, every week, over the 'free world' tortured, castrated, killed. All in the name of 'mental health.'"

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