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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S PROPOSED, *DEVASTATING* BUDGET CUTS TO MEDICAL, IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICE, MENTAL HEALTH & OTHER "PEOPLE" PROGRAMS!!!

WHEN: 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 10

WHERE: Humboldt County Courthouse front lawn, Eureka



People with disabilities, seniors, care providers, service providers, those living on low incomes, students, and anyone else concerned with the potentially devastating effects of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed, 10% across-the-board budget cuts are invited to participate in this rally/march. It's an opportunity for those who are tired of being targeted for such budget cuts to send a message to Sacramento and to encourage our local, elected officials to work hard against these cuts. It's also a chance to help educate the community about how these cuts will hurt us all.

Attendees of the rally/march will have the opportunity to sign several petitions. One, opposing proposed budget cuts, will be delivered to Assembly Member Patty Berg and Senator Pat Wiggins in time for the annual Disability Capitol Action Day, which occurs on Thursday, May 15 in Sacramento. The other petition will be delivered to Congressman Mike Thompson's office and is encouraging his co-sponsorship of the proposed federal "Community Choice Act."

At about 11:15 a.m., several service recipients and providers will talk about specific effects of cuts. Speakers will include TCIL's Systems Change Advocate, Cindy Calderon, Henry Willey, who is Far North Regional Director for the California Network of Mental Health Clients, and Amby Burum. Finally,

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Health Care Rights Workshop

TCIL is sponsoring two sessions of a 1-hour presentation on **Health Care Rights for People with Disabilities**. These will be held from 2-3 p.m., Wed., June 4 and from 10-11 a.m., Thurs., June 5 at TCIL, 2822 Harris Street, Eureka.

This event is being presented by Kimberly Cantrell of the California Foundation for Independent Living through a grant from the CA Office of the Patient Advocate. Topics will include Individual Health Care Rights (specifically for people with disabilities); Self-advocacy Strategies (aka “how to be a health care partner”); 250% Working Disabled Program; Important Health Care Resources for People with Disabilities; About the Office of the Patient Advocate (OPA) and OPA materials; Disability Health Coalition and Health Care Advocacy; Systems Change Network — What you can do to ensure you receive accessible medical treatment and protect your rights

This discussion should be valuable to people with disabilities, family members, service providers, medical professionals, and others.

This event is free, but seating is limited. If interested in attending, please call TCIL (707-445-8404) by May 21, 2008.

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attendees will be entertained with songs from the local chapter of the renowned “Raging Grannies.” The march will circle the Court-house and all are encouraged to carry signs provided by TCIL, or bring your own signs.

Local Happenings

Annual Recognition Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Thurs. May 8--NW Comm. for Employ. of People with Disabilities, Red Lion Hotel. Cost: \$15.00. RSVP to 445-6300 by 5/6.

SUPPORT TCIL!

Please don't forget that if you shop at the **North Coast Co-op**, you can also help out TCIL. Just tell the cashier that you want to donate to the **Community Fund Program** and give them the number **80050**. This will add 1% of your purchase to be added to your bill as a donation. Thank you!

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