

PATTERN'S PROGRESS

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Some 180 area business, community and government leaders attended Pattern's sold-out breakfast panel in Tarrytown on April 4. County leaders from Rockland, Putnam and Westchester participated.

Among the topics were the many opportunities presented by the new Tappan Zee Bridge and the need to prepare for the next superstorm with better communication during and after disasters. County leaders also discussed ways of keeping costs low in times of scarce resources and of streamlining economic development processes.

The event was sponsored by AKRF, First Niagara, CIC of Westchester and Hudson Valley Inc., C.T. Male Associates, JP Morgan Chase, Keane & Beane, P.C., Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Tectonic Engineering & Surveying, The Chazen Companies, The Westage Companies, VHB and Westchester Medical Center.



Left to right Rockland County Legislative Chair Harriet Cornell, Pattern President & CEO Jonathan Drapkin, Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Mike Hein (moderator), Ulster County Executive and President of the New York State County Executive's Association

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS UNDER WAY:

Under the leadership of former Pattern Chair Carl Meyer, discussions aimed at setting Pattern's organizational agenda for the next three years began April 11 with a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee. Much of the brainstorming session centered on the demographic shift to an aging population which is now affecting the region. In an early consensus, the group agreed the overall focus will be on choosing areas of study that have the greatest chance to result in change. "Whatever it is, we must move the dial," said committee member Michael Quinn.

TRAINING SESSIONS CONTINUE IN THE CFA CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

Pattern, Aimee Vargas of ESD and our county-based partners are on the road again with training sessions on submitting grant proposals through the state's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process. In the first two of the seven sessions, more than 160 professionals were trained. The next session takes place Tuesday, April 16, in Sullivan County. This will be followed by sessions in Orange, Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam Counties. Last year, our region submitted the second highest number of CFAs of the 10 regions and reaped \$93 million in grants. See the schedule at www.pattern-for-progress.org



Pattern's Joe Czajka explains CFA in Rockland.

A SPECIAL PATTERN EVENT



Congressman
Chris Gibson

Monday April 29
7:45 - 9:30 am
The Boathouse at
Marist College
\$25 per person
To make a reservation
please email
rdegroat@pfprogress.org
or call 845-565-4900



Congressman
Sean Maloney

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