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PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

REGISTER FOR THIRD ANNUAL "HOUSING THE HUDSON VALLEY" CONFERENCE JUNE 12

Pattern is recruiting for an exciting agenda to focus on "the next generation" of issues in housing. *Sponsors include Jacobowitz & Gubits, TD Banknorth, Construction Contractors Association, Federal Home Loan Bank of NY, Local 17 LECET, Ulster Savings Bank, Westchester Medical Center, Birchez Associates LLC, Cannon Heyman & Weiss, Community Preservation Corp., Hudson Landing (An AVR Development), Key Bank, Mohonk Preserve, Nixon Peabody, Poughkeepsie Journal, Regan Development Corp., and Rhinebeck Savings Bank.* Click [here](#) for sponsorship info, and [here](#) to register.

JAILS STUDY APPROVED; TEAM TO ANALYZE WAYS TO OPTIMIZE COUNTY RESOURCES

The Department of State has approved a High Priority Planning grant of \$50,000 to fund the regional jails study proposed by [Pattern's Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee](#) to analyze potential benefits of consolidating services, the first study of its kind in the state. Orange County was lead agency on the application, with collaborative commitment of Ulster and Sullivan Counties. SUNY New Paltz' CRREO will lead the research effort. [More](#)

PATTERN COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE CREATION OF REGIONAL HEALTHCARE WEBSITE

Pattern's new [Regional Healthcare Committee](#) has focused its first efforts on a project to increase awareness among Hudson Valley residents for the range of health care resources available to them in the immediate region. *Watch for more news as this project develops ...*

FELLOWS TEAM WITH COUNTY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR PANEL ON COLLABORATION

The 2009 Regional Fellows' Leadership Breakfast will bring together members of five county leadership training programs on June 5 to sponsor a panel discussion entitled "Erasing the Lines: Developing a Stronger Voice for the Hudson Valley through Collaboration and Advocacy". The event will feature John Clarkson of the NYS Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness, Diana Gurieva of the Dyson Foundation, Margaret Moree of the Business Council of NYS and Arthur Weintraub, former member of the Berger Commission. Location is the Holiday Inn Fishkill, time is 8 to 9:30 a.m. and tickets cost \$25; for more information, email Robin [here](#).

PATTERN ON THE ROAD ...

- ... Pattern was invited to attend the Poughkeepsie Regional Roundtable on Transportation Authorization hosted by regional Congressmen on April 14, to discuss how to best "focus scarce federal resources strategically on regional transportation priorities."
- ... Jonathan Drapkin spoke to the Orange County Association of Realtors about shared municipal services, tax reduction and regional collaboration as he accepted OCAR's "Innovation Award" for Pattern at their April 16 gala.
- ... Charlie Murphy participated in Orange County Rural Development Corporation's housing priorities workshop April 17, where the new Three County Needs Assessment was discussed.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Steven Poskanzer, president of SUNY New Paltz, will be recognized at Ulster County's American Red Cross Founders Dinner and 100th anniversary celebration in June, for his efforts with Dr. James Halpern to train mental health professionals to respond to disaster victims' issues at the Institute for Disaster Mental Health ([more](#)) ... **Dr. Daniel Aronzon**, President & CEO of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, was honored by the Dutchess Community College Foundation with their first Bernard Handel Community Service Award ([more](#)); he is currently in Columbia with a team of Vassar Brothers physicians and staff as part of a Healing the Children mission ... and congratulations to **Phil Dropkin** of the Gerry Foundation, who after five years of work on the Town of Bethel's sewer line extension project, was able to attend the groundbreaking on April 24 ([more](#)).