



## Southern Tier Regional Council Meeting

June 27, 2013

**Council Members Present:** Linda Shumaker, Patricia Cummings, Rose Sotak, Michael Stramm, Diane Lantz, Barbara Schindler, Steve Craig, Debbie Preston, Cliff Crouch, Donna Lupardo, Barbara Lifton, Terry Kane, Harvey Stenger, Lt Governor Robert Duffy, Tom Tranter, Kevin McLaughlin, Steve Johnson, Tom Libous, Candace Vancko, Tom Santulli, George Miner, Dan Spoor, David Patak, Martin Dietrich, Tim O'Hearn, Lee Ann Tinney, Glenn Nealis, James Johnson.

**State Agency/Local Government Staff Present:** Susan Payne, Tom Kowalik, Robin Alpaugh, Jim Thomas, Bijoy Datta, Jaime Reppert, Jan Arcangeli, Christian Harris, Darcy Fauci, Elaine Miller, Frank Surdey, JC Smith, Kevin McCabe, Ken Lynch, Linda Hardie, Pam Eshbaugh, Paul D'Amato, Bob Furlani, Kevin McManus, Julie Sweet

### Reports/Discussions

T. Tranter opened the meeting and welcomed all Council members, agency representatives and introduced elected officials. He asked members of the Council to introduce themselves.

H. Stenger welcomed Council members and introduced Lt Governor Duffy.

Lt Governor Duffy recognized Council members who are partners in NYS government and provided a short overview of actions to come. He provided a short introduction and overview of Round 3 funding, and StartupNY.

T. Tranter asked for approval of the previous meeting notes. The notes were approved. He then presented an overview of the meeting's agenda.

K. McLaughlin provided update on Round 2 funded projects. All but three projects have signed contracts and are underway. Rural Initiative Fund projects have already committed over \$1 million in less than one year. Community Revitalization Program has committed all but approximately \$500,000. Shovel Ready Fund will be used for two major projects this year.

S. Payne presented an overview of the proposed guidelines for the newly established Telemedicine and Mobile Technology Fund, which received \$2.5 M in CFA Round 2.

- **Purpose:** Grant funding to develop and expand the use of sophisticated diagnostic tools and care methods using telemedicine and mobile health care technology to:
  - Support NYS Health Care Policy
  - Facilitate Transmission of Important Data
  - Improve Access and Convenience for Persons Living in Rural Areas

- Improve Early Detection, Diagnosis and Treatment and Chronic Diseases
- Reduce Health care Costs and Enhance Efficiency
- Efficiently Utilize Health Care Workforce
- Meet the Needs of Aging Population and Managed Long-term Care
- Reduce Costs of Healthcare for Private Businesses

Eligible applicants are hospitals in the Southern Tier region who can apply for grants to purchase equipment, software and technology; as well as engage in technology development workforce training directly related to an acquisition, building construction, rehabilitation, accommodate equipment or research.

S. Payne reviewed 2013 initiatives requiring the following STREDC actions and K. McLaughlin provided more detailed information to explain each initiative and Council responsibilities.

- Adjust and amend strategies in economic development plan.
- Create interregional collaborations around shared resources and opportunities.
- Participate in community college-led Next Generation NY Job Linkage Program to assure the workforce is being trained for today and tomorrow.
- Engage local government officials in reshaping the regional business climate.
- Advance Cleaner, Greener Communities Sustainability Plan and appoint work group.
- Adopt regional Opportunity Agenda Strategy and appoint work group.
- Adopt a Regional Incubator Plan and select a Innovation Hot Spot for nomination.

S. Payne presented an overview of Regional Incubator Plan and Innovation Hot Spots. H. Stenger expanded upon the presentation and explained how several incubators are working together in an effort to prepare a proposal for Council consideration.

K. McLaughlin presented an overview of the CFA Round 3.

- \$760 million in state funding and tax incentives will be awarded:
- \$220 million (\$150 million in capital + \$70 million in tax credits)
- \$540 million for state supported programs through the CFA
- 4 CFA workshops held
  - Ithaca - June 18
  - Elmira - June 20
  - Norwich - June 25
  - Vestal - June 27
- Reviewed timeline for submissions and K. McLaughlin will continue outreach to continue to grow the project pipeline.

## Decisions/Actions

The notes from the last Council meeting were approved.

K. McLaughlin will send updates on all existing projects to Council members next week.

Council approved the Telemedicine and Mobile Technology Fund guidelines.

Council endorsed the Preliminary Opportunity Agenda Strategy and created a work group consisting of previously two separate groups, i.e., Downtown Revitalization and Workforce Development. It was decided that the Lt Governor is to carry a request to the Secretary of State to increase flexibility in the program to request rural areas become eligible. A letter will be crafted by Council Co-Chairs and will be submitted emphasizing the need for criteria for this program be modified to accommodate the needs of rural communities at a sub-census tract level.

Council created a Cleaner Greener Sustainability work group and issued charge.

Next meeting:

- Date: August 7, 2013
- Time: 3:00 p.m.
- Location: Binghamton University
- Agenda: To be determined