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Putnam County DOH Hosts Annual Camp Operator's Seminar

Brewster, NY—Spring is finally in the air. One sure sign is the Camp Operator's Seminar conducted by the Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH). This year's event, held on Tuesday, April 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., brought together six health and safety experts, including guest speaker Frank Pia, PhD, an expert in drowning recognition and aquatic area supervision and safety.

“We hold this event every year for the camp operators in Putnam County,” says Associate Public Health Sanitarian Marianne Burdick, MPH, who oversees camp operations. “It is attended on a voluntary basis by dozens of operators from our 28 camps in the county, and is a true testament to how seriously they take safety concerns of our campers.”

“For the health department, the safety of our youngest residents is a top priority and there is no such thing as being overly prepared,” says Allen Beals, M.D., Commissioner of Health, who welcomed the attendees.

Kristine Boyle, a nutritionist and health educator, updated the operators on food allergies and dietary preferences, and public health sanitarians Mike Luke, Lisa Seymour and Mitchell Lee discussed how to prepare for a variety of emergency situations including power outages, fire, flooding and sewage concerns. Public health nurse Jeannette Baldanaza spoke about Immunizations

and the continuing concern over measles. Mike Luke wrapped up the presentation with a session on rabies awareness.

The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit our website at www.putnamcountyny.com/health; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

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