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PCDOH Staff Present at National APHA Conference

Brewster, NY—The Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH) has the distinction of being one of the few local health departments invited to present at the recent 141st American Public Health Association (APHA) Meeting & Expo. More than 10,000 national and international physicians, researchers, educators and related health specialists attended the event, which ran from November 2 to 6 in Boston, Massachusetts.

PCDOH Supervising Public Health Educator Barbara Ilardi and Supervising Public Health Nurse Kathy Percacciolo presented on the health department's success in developing a strategic plan by partnering with a public health training center (PHTC).

The PCDOH has been partnering with the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health's NYC-Long Island-Lower Tri-County PHTC to enhance training for national accreditation. The strategic plan helps focus the efforts of the health department to better evaluate and serve the health needs of the community.

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 <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/>; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

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