

**Committee on Rural Health
Full Committee Meeting
8/8/2024 2:00 – 3:00 PM (EST)
(at APA 2024 Convention)**

Attendees:

- **APA Staff:** Madeline Boening, Aliza Epstein
- **CRH Committee:** Mary Louise Cashel, Douglas Knutson, Cindy Juntunen (Absent: Tess Kilwein, Ashley Norwood, Reed Maxwell, Chantel Weisenmuller, Leigh Ford)
- **Guests:** Terri Strong (Chair, Board of Professional Affairs)

Meeting Notes/Updates:

CRH Subcommittees

- [Rural Mental Health Needs Assessment](#) (Chair: Douglas, Mary Louise)
 - Douglas will have 4 research assistants assigned to work with him in the next 2 weeks. They will finish entering/editing the survey in Qualtrics and the IRB application.
 - Our target sample size is 1000 respondents, although response rate will be difficult to quantify due to our desire to use snowball sampling procedures.
 - Maddie can help us with dissemination of the survey link when it is ready.
 - ML can also contact all State and Territory Psyc Association Council reps directly to request their assistance with dissemination.
 - We will pause subcommittee meetings for 3 more weeks until the survey and IRB are complete.
 - Cindy, as a research administrator at her university, is happy to preview the application when available.
- [CRH Policies & Procedures](#) (Chair: Tess; Reed, Ashley, Douglas)
 - We anticipated that the Draft will be unanimously approved.
 - Maddie will get the final document to BPA and Governance for approval.
 - Maddie will create a special Dropbox for CRH where the P&P document can be permanently stored, along with copies of our minutes, Work Plans, and any other materials we desire. This is with the intent of creating continuity of information for future CRH members.

CRH Slate Candidates

- All candidates have been notified!

[CRH Website](#) –

- We again requested a meeting with the APA Social Media Coordinator - **APA Staff** has requested such a meeting. Aliza recommended Maddie send another email and follow-up with a phone call if needed. Doug explained how we might create a social media feed if allowable with hashtags.

Future Projects:

- We discussed updating the [Rural Behavioral Health Care: An Interdisciplinary Guideline](#), as a possible longer range project after the needs assessment survey has been launched.
- ML looked up the editor (B. Hudnall Stamm) who is retired and no longer reachable due to health issues, according to website. We will contact APA Publishing to find out what steps/approvals would be necessary to pursue creating a second edition.
- Douglas expressed explicit interest in either revising the Rural Behavioral Health Care book or creating another book of our own.

Next CRH Full Committee Meetings:

- Connie or Maddie will send out scheduling poll closer to the end of the month.