

**Committee on Rural Health
Full Committee Meeting
8/7/2025 2:30-3:30 PM (MST)**

Attendees:

- ✧ **APA Staff:** Maddie Boenig, Connie Galietti, Andrew Strickland, Robin McLeod
- ✧ **CRH Committee:** Tess Kilwein, Douglas Knutson (Absent), Christianne Connelly, Mary Louise Cashel, Ashley Norwood (Absent), Reed Maxwell, Christine McKibbin, Royleen Ross, Calista Kern-Lyons
- ✧ **Guests:** Shannon Goecke-Watson (COR Rural Health Caucus), Paul Korte (Division 31 President)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christianne's APA convention presentation



- [Fact Sheet: The Current Landscape of Rural, Remote, and Frontier Mental Health in America](#) is live on the website! Members are encouraged to disseminate widely
 - An APA Washington Update will highlight the factsheet
- Big Beautiful Bill update – Andrew Strickland
- Monitor on Psychology article highlighting CRH, COR Caucus, Division 31 Rural Health Section article – in progress
- “Rural Health Issues” addition to [Advocacy Issues](#) page – Maddie, Connie, Andrew
 - Rural Health Factsheet
 - Needs Assessment Report
 - Join Division 31 Rural Health Section
- Psychologists can now select "Rural Health" as an area of expertise under the Services tab of the [APA Psychologist Locator](#)

- Establish new meeting time for the Fall – Tess
 - Committee member expectations (e.g., attendance, email responses)
 - Tuesday at **10 AM CST**, 3 PM CST
 - Wednesday at **10 AM CST, 12 PM CST**, 1 PM CST, 2 PM CST, 3 PM CST
- CRH 2026 workplan priorities due Nov. 7
 - Needs Assessment Report to dictate
 - Focus on advocacy/collaborative efforts between Division 31 Rural Health Section and COR Rural Caucus (e.g., Monitor on Psychology article)
 - Email Tess with ideas for next year prior to Sept. meeting

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- ✚ Subcommittees/Liaison Updates
 - [Healthcare Financing Advisory Group](#) (Christianne)
 - CRH Factsheet Subcommittee (Tess, Royleen, Christine, Christianne)
 - Live on the website!
 - Committee to be dissolved
 - Rural Mental Health Needs Assessment (Douglas, Mary Louise, Calista)
 - Final report to be reviewed at September meeting

Next CRH Full Committee Meeting: 9/16/2025 or 9/17/2025 - Time TBD