

Committee on Rural Health
APA Consolidated Meetings
March 14th-15th

- **APA Staff:** Connie Galietti, Shakila Pedris, Aliza Epstein
- **CRH Officers:** Tess Kilwein (chair), Douglas Knutson (vice-chair), Christianne Connelly (secretary)
- **CRH Members:** Mary Louise Cashel, Christine McKibbin, Royleen Ross, Calista Kern-Lyons
- **Guests:** Thomas Schlechter (APAGS Rep), APA Head of Practice, APA CEO, APA Presidential Trio

Friday, March 14th

- 8:30-9:30 AM ET – Pick up name badges (*Registration Desk, Constitution Level*)
- 9:00-10:00 AM ET – Breakfast (*Constitution Foyer*)
- 10:00 AM-12:30 PM ET – Board and Committee Meetings (*Potomac Room, Constitution Level*)
 - 10:00 AM-10:30 AM – Welcome & Overview of Agenda
 - 10:30-11:15 AM – Policies & Procedures Manual – updated CRH election slates
 - 11:15-11:30 AM – Break
 - 11:30-12:30 PM – **Joint CRH/BPA Meeting** (*Penn Quarter A, Declaration level*)
 - Provided update on CRH activities from the past year
 - Slot for CRH member on Healthcare Financing Advising Group
 - BPA Rural Health Priorities Subcommittee: Mary Louise (chair), Royleen, Calista
 - Feedback on Rural Health Agenda
 - Bullet points for legislative meetings
 - Needs Assessment – Douglas (chair), Mary Louise, Calista
 - Robin disseminated to BPA members
 - Mary Louise re-disseminating to APA divisions/STPAs
 - Subcommittee to provide preliminary report to BPA within 4 weeks
 - Topics: Medicaid, prescription privileges, food insecurity, youth substance use, MMIW
- 12:30-1:30 PM ET – Lunch
- 1:30-5:00 PM ET – Board and Committee Meetings (*Potomac Room, Constitution Level*)
 - 1:30-2:00 PM – APA Self-Study
 - Tess will send to CRH members in April, due in May
 - Will be sent with P&P manual, APA strategic plan, and re-cap of past-year activities
 - 1:30-2:00 PM – CRH Website - letter of support/media request section will remain on website
 - 2:30 PM-3:00 PM – Needs Assessment Subcommittee: Douglas (chair), Mary Louise, Calista
 - 3:00 PM-3:15 PM – Refreshment Break
 - 3:15 PM-3:45 PM – APA Convention
 - CRH Meeting tentatively Thursday, August 7th from 1:00-1:50 MST
 - Excellence in Rural Psychology Awards ceremony at Division 31 Social Hour
 - Connie to confirm location, availability of plaque and \$250
 - Deadline for submissions is May 15th, decide winner during May CRH meeting
 - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM – Final Discussion/Wrap-Up

Saturday, March 15th

- 9:00-10:00 AM ET – Breakfast
- 10:00 AM-12:30 PM ET – Board and Committee Meetings (*Potomac Room, Constitution Level*)
 - 9:45-10:00 AM – **APA Head of Practice Lynn Bufka, PhD, ABPP**
 - 10:00 AM-10:20 AM – **APA Presidential Trio & CEO**
 - *President:* Debra Kawahara, PhD

- *Past President:* Cynthia de las Fuentes, PhD
- *President Elect:* Wendi Williams, PhD
- *CEO:* Arthur C. Evans, Jr., PhD
- *Topics:* Agriculture as an avenue to get into legislative offices; Farm Bureau/4H/FFA collaborations; Engaging high school and community college students in psychology via Engaging Psychology's Future; Prioritize increasing visibility of CRH; Increase cultural competency in rural health; Utilize Practice Updates
- 10:30 AM-11:30 AM – Avenues to Increase Visibility of CRH
 - *Practice Updates:* rurality as an identity; roadmap for expanding rural services through STPAs; competencies for rural health service delivery; food insecurity in rural communities
 - *Partnerships:* Farm Bureau, 4H, FFA, RHIH, STPAs, USDA (food insecurity)
 - *Directories:* state-specific rural liaisons, APA Psychologist Locator
 - *Webinars:* decolonization, inclusivity, competencies for rural health service delivery
 - *Syllabi:* model syllabi
 - *Publications:* Journal of Rural Health, Journal of Health Service Psychology
- 11:00 AM-11:15 AM – **APAGs Updates, Thomas Schlechter**
 - Channel for distribution of CRH content
 - Potential for APAGs rural health committee
- 11:15 AM-11:30 AM – Collaborator Updates
 - Rural Health section of Division 31 – liaison approved
 - Healthcare Financing Advisory Group – Christianne appointed
 - BPA Rural Health Agenda/bullet points – subcommittee to provide feedback within 4 weeks
- 11:30 AM-11:45 PM – Break
- 11:45 AM-12:30 PM – 2025 Workplan
 - Needs Assessment distribution and dissemination of findings
 - Factsheet on the needs and priorities of rural communities
 - Add rural competency identifier to APA Psychologist Locator
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