

Committee on Rural Health
Full Committee Meeting
5/20/2025 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (CST)

Attendees:

- ✉ **APA Staff:** Maddie Boenig, Robin McLeod
- ✉ **CRH Committee:** Tess Kilwein, Douglas Knutson, Christianne Connelly, Mary Louise Cashel, Ashley Norwood, Reed Maxwell, Christine McKibbin, Royleen Ross (absent), Calista Kern-Lyons
- ✉ **Guests:** Mary Ann McCabe (BOD Liaison)

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✉ Dr. Janine Jones – new BPA Liaison to CRH
- ✉ Excellence in Rural Health Award vote – Jennifer Blossom, PhD awarded
- ✉ [APA Self-Study](#) survey reminder – final reminder to complete!

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- ✉ APA Convention (Denver, CO)
 - Recommendations for Conducting Psychotherapy with Socioeconomically Marginalized, Diverse Clients (Symposium, Christianne Connelly)
 - Thursday, August 7th
 - 1:00-2:00 PM MST
 - Colorado Convention Center, Terrace Level, Bluebird Ballroom 3A
 - CRH full HYBRID committee meeting
 - Thursday, August 7th
 - 2:30-3:30 PM MST
 - Hyatt Regency Denver, Mineral Hall D Room
 - Beyond Belief: Religious Trauma and Mental Health in Diverse LGBTQ+ Populations (Symposium Chair, Douglas Knutson)
 - Friday, August 8th
 - 11:30-12:30 AM MST
 - Colorado Convention Center, Street Level, V710-712
 - Regional Differences in Recommendations for Improving Rural Mental Healthcare from Clinicians (Poster Presentation, Calista)
 - Friday, August 8th
 - 4:00-5:00 PM MST
 - Colorado Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, Solutions Center, Poster Sessions
 - Excellence in Rural Health Award presentation (Division 31 social hour)
 - Friday, August 8th
 - 5:30 PM-6:30 PM MST
 - Hyatt Regency Denver, Level 3, Centennial Ballroom A

- Building Psychologist Resilience in Rural Health Practice (Paul Korte & Emily Selby-Nelson)
 - Saturday, August 9th
 - 1:30 PM-2:30 PM MST
 - Colorado Convention Center, Ballroom Level, Mile High Ballroom 4AB
- Development and Preliminary Validation of the Trans Disordered Eating Scale (Bek Urban & Douglas)
 - Saturday, August 9th
 - 3:00-4:00 PM CST
 - Colorado Convention Center, Ballroom Level, Mile High Ballroom 4AB
- ✉ Subcommittees/Liaison Updates
 - Dr. Wendi Williams 2026 Youth Mental Health Summit (YMHS) Initiative
 - Tess & Douglas invited to Working Group - strategy meeting 6/25
 - [Healthcare Financing Advisory Group](#) (Christianne)
 - Additional Medicaid cuts upcoming – watch for Action Alerts
 - BPA Rural Health Priorities Subcommittee (Mary Louise, Royleen, Calista)
 - Waiting on feedback from BPA
 - CRH Factsheet Subcommittee (Tess, Royleen, Christine, Christianne)
 - In development, to be sent to members & partners next week
 - Factsheet branding assistance from advocacy
 - Rural Mental Health Needs Assessment (Douglas, Mary Louise, Calista)
 - Preliminary report received by BPA
 - Data collection ongoing
 - APA Psychologist Locator – in progress

Next CRH Full Committee Meeting: July 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM CST (take June off!)