

**Committee on Rural Health
Full Committee Meeting
9/16/2025 10:00 – 11:00 AM CST**

Attendees:

- ✉ **APA Staff:** Maddie Boenig, Connie Galietti, Aliza Epstein, Andrew Strickland, Robin McLeod (absent)
- ✉ **CRH Committee:** Tess Kilwein, Douglas Knutson, Christianne Connelly, Mary Louise Cashel, Ashley Norwood, Reed Maxwell, Christine McKibbin, Royleen Ross, Calista Kern-Lyons
- ✉ **Guests:** Mary Ann McCabe (BOD Liaison), Emily Selby-Nelson (Division 31 Rural Health Section Liaison)

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✉ [Rural and Frontier Communities](#) page is up on the Advocacy page – thank you staff!
- ✉ [CRH Slates for 2027](#) (2) - targeted nomination statements are due October 15th (must have 9 members, including 1 ECP and 1 Graduate Student). Currently have slates I-III being added in January (election results to be shared end of September).
 - **VI: Graduate Student Member:** A graduate student in psychology who is committed to research or service delivery for rural, remote, or frontier populations. Graduate student members need to have at least one academic year remaining in a graduate program at the start of their term to be eligible for nomination.
 - **IV: Research Psychologist:** Researchers with a demonstrated focus on rural, remote, or frontier populations.
 - **(Optional) V: Early Career Psychologist:** A psychologist who has completed a doctoral degree in psychology within the last 10 years who is committed to either research or service delivery for rural, remote, or frontier populations.
- ✉ Needs Assessment Final Report – Douglas
 - Avoid referring to “APA CRH Survey”
 - Pending Legal Review
- ✉ 2026 Workplan Discussion – Tess
 - What does the Needs Assessment tell us?
 - Not all rural clinicians are living rurally – enhancing education
 - Burnout and workload – supportive resources
 - Increasing engagement in rural health
 - Monitor on Psychology Article - in progress
 - APA COR Rural Health Caucus NBI – anticipated lead referral group
 - Education Subcommittee: Christine, Christianne, Royleen, Reed, Ashley, Calista (Emily – Rural Health Section liaison)
 - Channel(s): APA symposium, APA CEU presentation, Lunch & Learn
 - Topic(s): Decolonizing rural health, Competency for rural health providers not living rurally
 - [Other suggestions](#)

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- ⌘ APA Washington Update highlighting factsheet – Andrew
- ⌘ Monitor on Psychology article - Tess, Douglas
- ⌘ Subcommittees/Liaison Updates
 - [Healthcare Financing Advisory Group](#) (Christianne) - reimbursement rate letter to be sent to STPAs, increasing rates for group sessions
 - Rural Mental Health Needs Assessment (Douglas, Mary Louise, Calista)

Next CRH Full Committee Meeting: 10/21/2025 at 10:00 AM CST