

Committee on Rural Health
Full Committee Meeting
12/17/2024 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CST)

Attendees:

- **APA Staff:** Connie Galietti, Madeline Boening, Aliza Epstein, Andrew Strickland (APA Advocacy)
- **CRH Committee:** Mary Louise Cashel, Douglas Knutson, Tess Kilwein, Reed Maxwell, Ashley Norwood (Absent: Cindy Juntune, Chantel Weisenmuller, Leigh Ford)
- **Guests:** Christine McKibbin, Royleen Ross, Calista Kern-Lyons, Christianne Connelly

Meeting Notes/Updates:

- New CRH committee member introductions – welcome!
 - Royleen Ross, PhD (ECP) - I
 - Christianne Connelly, PhD (ECP) - II
 - *Christine McKibbin, PhD - III
 - *Calista Kern-Lyons, MS - IV
 - *Never served on a board, committee, or COR*
- APA Book Proposal
 - Review of APA book proposal policy and procedures
 - Review of existing publications in this area (i.e., “competitors”)
 - Subcommittee to be created (see below)
- APA CRH slates for 2026
 - Open for nominations!
 - Tess, Mary Louise, and Ashley will be terming out at the end of this year
- CRH Subcommittees
 - CRH Book (Tess, Reed, Royleen, Calista, Christianne, Christine, Ashley, Mary Louise)
 - Tess to send out poll for scheduling subcommittee meeting
 - Bloomsbury/Rowman & Littlefield are interested in a book on Special Populations in Rural Mental Health – Douglas will connect editor with Tess & Mary Louise
 - [CRH Website](#) (Douglas, Mary Louise)
 - Needs assessment to be disseminated through APA Communications
 - CAN link to other pages/documents under Resource List
 - Add [Psychology Topics: Rural Populations](#) to Resource List (**PENDING APA STAFF**)
 - [Rural Mental Health Needs Assessment](#) (Chair: Douglas, Mary Louise)
 - “Members of CRH” in collaboration with IRB
 - Survey IRB approved and ready for dissemination
 - Target sample size = 1000 respondents
 - Recruitment - use dissemination [Tracking Sheet](#)
 - [CRH Policies & Procedures](#) (Chair: Tess; Reed, Ashley, Douglas)
 - Final document sent to BPA and Governance for approval

■ PENDING APA STAFF

Next CRH Full Committee Meetings:

- January 21st at 10:00 AM CST – Tess confirming with Chris & Calista
 - APA staff updates: Policies & Procedures, Website updates
 - Subcommittee Updates
 - Officer elections