

**Committee on Rural Health**  
**Full Committee Meeting**  
**1/22/2024 1:00 - 2:00 PM (Zoom)**

1. Welcoming our new members: Dr. Reed Maxwell and Dr. Douglas Knutson.
2. Slating of new candidates for CRH: we will need to fill 2 seats, and a new seat designated for a student member. All members are requested to submit candidate nominations. Javier will share a link to the nomination portal.
3. Consolidated Meeting: will be held virtually for CRH in March. We need to reach consensus on the dates/times that will work best during the week of 3/18 - 3/22.
4. Rural Mental Health Needs Assessment: We agreed to move forward on conducting a needs assessment of rural mental health practitioners with a focus on identifying support that APA could potentially provide. Douglas, Cindy and Mary Louise will collaborate on this sub-committee and others can contribute as they are able.
5. Website/Mission Statement: We need to move forward with updating and making revisions to our website.
6. CRH members are asked to review the goals, objectives and priorities that historically have been the focus of this Committee. Members may propose additional initiatives/projects for discussion at the Consolidated meeting in March.
7. Regarding our prior discussion of having a blog or expanding the information that we provide or link to our website, we will invite a member of the APA Communications/Media staff to join a meeting and review with us what is or might be possible/allowable.

**Action Items:**

1. Once posted, **please respond to the scheduling poll for our virtual Consolidated Meeting in March as soon as you can**
2. **Please review our website (<https://www.apa.org/practice/programs/rural/committee>) and consider revisions (suggested information/content).** Tess will share a Google document where we can all list our recommendations.
3. **Please review the last version of our mission statement, priorities, goals and objectives** (see attached PowerPoint - included in Orientation slides).
4. If you are interested in working on the Rural Mental Health Needs Assessment survey, please review materials in this shared folder and feel free to add additional references/resources: [Needs Assessment Resources](#)

**Our next CRH Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, February 26th** at 1:00 Central/  
2:00 p.m. Eastern