

Committee on Rural Health (CRH)
(2 to be elected to a 3-year term)

The Committee on Rural Health seeks to fill three slates with any nominees who are interested in the full breadth of issues affecting the health of persons living in rural and remote regions. The Committee on Rural Health (CRH) encourages the nominations of early career psychologists and persons of diverse career backgrounds, professional settings, and intellectual/political orientations. CRH seeks to uphold the representation of diversity in its committee membership and so encourages nominations on all slates of individuals of cultural, ethnic, or linguistic minority; and/or individuals who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender; and/or persons with a disability. Also, individuals who are currently or have been past participants of the National Health Service Corps program are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please consider nominations, including self-nominations, for individuals with expertise in these areas for the 2023-2025 Term:

1. An individual of cultural, ethnic, or linguistic minority. And/or a person with a disability. And/or an individual who represents a sexual orientation or gender diversity (e.g., lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer [LGBTQ]). Also, looking for intellectual diversity, with a particular emphasis on ensuring that our Committee reflects a diversity of opinions.
2. An individual in private practice (who's practice isn't considered as integrated behavioral health or collocated within a community health center) who is committed to service delivery for rural populations; a private practitioner who either, a) lives in a rural region and whose practice serves rural populations; or, b) lives in a suburban/urban region and whose practice serves rural populations.
3. An individual with an expertise in public health and advocacy, who has experience with community interventions and/or health care administration and/or health care policy and advocacy on the federal and state levels with expertise in the administration of tele-health or tele-psychology services. Clinicians/researchers from either rural or urban settings providing services to rural/remote/frontier settings are encouraged.

There are clear expectations for Committee Members that include:

1. Participation in the CRH consolidated meeting in March (TBD) 2023
2. Participation in an average of monthly- 60 minutes virtual calls throughout the year or as needed.
3. If possible, attend the APA Convention and participate in the one-hour CRH Business Meeting on Thursday afternoon and the Division 31 Social Hour on Friday evening where the annual Rural Excellence Award is presented.
4. Respond to email correspondence on a timely basis between in-person and conference call meetings.

In addition to submitting a current CV, in 500 words or less, please describe why you, or your nominee, is seeking candidacy on the APA Committee on Rural Health. Examples of how you, or your nominee might contribute to the mission of the committee to advance rural, remote, and frontier mental health are encouraged. (CRH Mission & Vision Statement can be found here:

<http://www.apa.org/practice/programs/rural/committee/mission.aspx>)

APA is engaged in a process of transformation in accordance with the APA Strategic Plan. To achieve significant impacts in priority areas, contributions across APA are needed - including those of APA boards and committees. As such, the expectation is that APA boards and committees work collaboratively. Given the importance of this approach, APA encourages nominees to review the Strategic Plan <https://www.apa.org/about/apa/strategic-plan/impact-apa-strategic-plan.pdf> to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.