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**Message from the Chair Brooks Rural Mental Health Conference**

John Lennon, in his song "Beautiful Boy", immortalized the words:

***Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.***

That's what's happening for many of us right now, including our Rural Mental Health Planning Committee.

This message is to serve as official notice that in light of the need to protect one another's health during the COVID-19 outbreak, our committee has chosen to postpone the conference planned for April 29, 30 & May 1st.

We will be issuing complete refunds to all those who have registered so far.

We hope to resume conference planning once the danger has passed. Besides profiling and sharing all the fabulous work you are doing in your communities, we see the conference as an important way of reconnecting with others in the common work we do.

Our current thinking is to try for a new date in the fall of this year. Watch our website for updates in late summer/early fall.

In the meantime, I hope you can enjoy spending time with your family right now making positive memories, and as circumstances permit, continue contributing to your communities.

Take care and in the meantime - here's the link to John Lennon's "Beautiful Boy."  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lt3lOdDE5iA>

Kind regards,

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