Reviewer's report

Title: A systematic exploration of differences in contextual factors related to implementing the MOVE! Weight Management Program in VA: A Mixed Methods Study

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Much of the content in the “Implementation Framework” section seems to involve details about measures and data collection – recommend moving this information to the Methods section.

The format for Table 2 is challenging, especially given that it covers 3 pages. I think it might be easier for readers to follow if the Quantitative Measures/Sample Qualitative Questions/Probes sections were placed in a separate table/appendix. Also, it would help tremendously if the 6 constructs mentioned in Table 2 were listed some where in the narrative.

Similarly, It would also be very helpful if there was a clearly identified “Measures” section in the Methods and a statement indicating what overlap (or not) there was between the quantitative and qualitative assessments. as well as a restatement/definition of “implementation effectiveness” as the primary study outcome.

Various hypotheses are mentioned in Implementation Framework section (in association with the Klein et al model), in the Facilities section, and the Results section, and in the Discussion section. A clear presentation of specific hypotheses in conjunction with the specific aims at the end of the Introduction (immediately preceding the Methods) would greatly enhance the manuscript.

Although the manuscript presents some very interesting findings, its organization and length make it difficult to read.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I am employed by the VA.