Reviewer's report

Title: Moving from rhetoric to reality: Adapting Housing First for homeless individuals with mental illness from ethno-racial groups

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Many of the requested revisions have been made by the authors. There are three revisions that I would suggest at this point:

Minor Essential Revisions
1. The results section alternates between past and present tenses. Past tense should be consistent.

2. While clear objectives of the paper have been added, the results section does not follow the order given. The headings of the results section should be reorganized to match the stated objectives.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The fidelity measures are not clear. To begin, the stated domains for both AR/AO and HF in the results section are not explained. Where do these domains come from? Are they generally acceptable domains of their respective constructs (if so, please reference as evidence)? Or are they the authors own contribution to the construct? How do the domains map onto the sections found in Table 1 (which incidentally is mislabelled as Table 3 in the results section). And finally, what fidelity questions were asked in qualitative interviews? For example, were questions asked according to the stated domains? According to the section headings of Table 1? Clarity on fidelity measures is needed.

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.