Reviewer's report

**Title:** Challenges of Establishing a Community Advisory Board (CAB) in a Low-Income, Low-Resource Setting: Experiences from Bagamoyo, Tanzania.

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This article is an honest description of difficulties that arose with the initial development of a Community Advisory Board (CAB) in a Low-Income and Low-Resource Setting in Tanzania, and how the research team addressed these difficulties and successfully developed a new CAB with new criteria for CAB membership. The article then describes the development and content of training of the new CAB. The authors also address ethical issues of payment and the responsibilities of CAB in its early days, and their hopes for a fully developed CAB sometime in the future.

I enjoyed this article which is very clearly written, and includes very practical details which are highly transferable to other settings and will add to the current sparse literature on CAB formation and function.

**Minor Essential Revisions**

I recommend that the authors add a few more details i.e. when did the new CAB start meeting, how far did people have to travel (and how long did it take them, and how frequent were the training sessions and subsequent meetings? These details would further enrich this article.

Finally- in the spirit of participatory research has this article been reviewed by any of the CAB members to make sure they agree with the content/learn of their viewpoints? If not can this be done?

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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