Reviewer's report

Title: Human Subjects Protection Issues in QUERI Implementation Research

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General

I liked this paper very much. It is a clear exposition of how a team of researchers with a complex programme of implementation research addressed the institutional and system problems of research ethics approval in a setting in which the IRB/REC system was unfamiliar with the needs and challenges of IR. The practical approach of the paper is commendable, in particular the way it gives details of how the researchers worked with IRBs to solve their mutual problems. This could be a very useful paper for IR in general, but also for others involved in health services research and business and management research.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
None

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
None

What next?: Accept without revision

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.