Reviewer’s report

Title: Practice Capacity to Change and Preventive Service Delivery: Subgroup Analysis from a Group Randomized Trial

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General

This is a nice paper, suitable as a short report, or particular interest to researchers conducting or interested in conducting studies implementing evidence-based practices in real world settings.

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)

1. The figure needs a legend and/or better labeling.

2. If possible without lengthening the paper substantially, the authors should provide more details about the construction of "Efforts to Motivate" and "Efforts to Assist". Specifically, please provide examples of what these efforts were, and how/why particular efforts were rated on the 1-4 scale. For example, what would be entailed in an "effort to motivate" coded as 4? If this would add too much to the length, can the authors provide a citation for another paper where this has already been described?

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

None.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.