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Title: Toward a Policy Ecology of Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices in Public Mental Health Settings

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Dear Dr Mittman:

We have accepted all of the formatting changes save one. The sentence in the Acknowledgement section is a boilerplate that Dr Enola Proctor suggested that all Center investigators use, and we can’t change that.

We’ve made the following changes in response to your comments in the paper:

1. Page 2: We now say “Policymaking that addresses in an integrated way the ecology of implementation at the levels of provider organizations, governmental regulatory agencies, and their surrounding political and societal milieu is required to successfully and sustainably implement EBPs over the long term.” in the abstract’s Summary to make the distinction between a mental health facility and a state regulatory department.

2. Page 5: We now say “…incentivizing the development and deployment of specific interventions…” because we are trying to make the point here that public agencies seem to be slowly recognizing that they ought not to be focusing on what to implement (this is the clinician’s job), they ought to focus on how to implement it.

With respect to your suggestions in your e-mail:

1. We agree that a table offers an easier and more accessible way to glance at these recommendations. Accordingly, we’ve changed language in the Summary section on p. 16-17, have added a new table at the end of the manuscript, and now reference both the table as well as the figure in the Background section on p. 3.

2. Thank you for expanding our thinking on the broader audience beyond policymakers for this article. Accordingly:
   a. We briefly talk about the relevance for this ecology for implementation researchers on p.3
   b. Insert a sentence on p. 6 just before we begin discussing the ecology
   c. We insert a phrase on researchers enhancing organizational efforts on p.7
   d. We’ve rewritten the Summary section to highlight the applicability of the policy ecology framework for policymakers, researchers, and practice leaders.

Thank you for making this such a pleasant and intellectually exciting experience for us, and we look forward to sending more of our work to Implementation Science in the future.

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