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On behalf of our co-authors, thank you for the opportunity to finalize edits to our accepted manuscript. Revisions to the manuscript are highlighted by 'tracked changes'. As the reviewer had no major comments we summarize here the minor edits requested:

1. We have added additional information about how informed consent was obtained and maintained. As recruited youth were 15-24 years of age and involved in peer advocacy for mental health we did not require parental consent as they were expected to have advanced knowledge and understanding of the nature of the proposed research, the anticipated risks and potential benefits, and the requirements of the research to be able to make an informed decision on their own. This decision was approved by both institutional research ethics boards which are listed (as required by BMC Pediatrics) in the body of the manuscript.

2. The tables were relocated to the end of the manuscript and formatted according to guidelines.

3. We shortened the abstract to meet the 350 word requirement.

4. We replaced the term “web-based” for “Internet-based” throughout the manuscript as this has become the standard and acceptable term in the field.

5. We removed endnote formatting for the reference list and formatted in text references as per journal guidelines.