Reviewer’s report

Title: Needs Assessment of School and Community Physical Activity Opportunities in Rural West Virginia: The McDowell CHOICES planning effort

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Reviewer: Allen Cheadle

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The authors have conducted a thorough, well-done needs assessment process in a rural WV county. The process and results are well-described and the paper is clearly written and organized.

This paper is a great example of how the field can benefit from open access publishing where there very low marginal costs to publishing additional articles as long as the papers meet a peer review screen. The actual results of this study are NOT of general interest - they are by design specific to the WV county where it was conducted. However the process they followed, including surveys, focus groups, meetings, presentation of results/feedback, etc. could be very valuable for others interested in doing something similar.

To that end the only suggestion I have is to include an Appendix or link with all of the instruments they used in the needs assessment - e.g., surveys at meetings, other surveys, focus group guides, etc. (minor essential revision)

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests