Reviewer's report

Title: Using the Collaborative Intervention Planning Framework to Adapt a Health Care Manager Intervention to a New Population and Provider Group to Improve the Health of People with Serious Mental Illness

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1. This is a well-written manuscript addressing one of the most challenging aspect of care delivery to SMI population: integration of primary care and psychiatric services.
2. Methodology is clear and well-defined.
3. There are no evidence of any potential financial conflicts or any other types of bias that could have negatively influenced the outcomes and recommendations.
4. Overall, the results and outcomes of this study are not particularly surprising (e.g., cultural factors affecting medical care, low level of health literacy- 4-6th grade reading level, high co-morbidity between cardiovascular disease and metabolic abnormalities in SMI patients) and falling within the general parameters of a vast amount of literature describing the overwhelming benefits of integrated and collaborative approach to care.
5. For the future, it will be important to apply the proposed approach in different racial and ethnic comminutes in order to enrich the current body of data.