Reviewer’s report

Title: The Role of the Outer Setting in Implementation: Associations between State Demographic, Fiscal, and Policy Factors and Use of Evidence-Based Treatments in Mental Healthcare

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The paper does not explain why the authors choose some programs (TFC, Multisystemic therapy...) or some services for adult people with mental diseases as representatives Evidence Based Practices. Following are some issues I suggest to consider:

1) a large meta analysis of multisystemic therapy (2016) found mixed results. Moreover MST is considered a prevention program aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour and recidivism among at risk youth, it is not properly a treatment program for mental diseases and was founded by national crime prevention Centre. (Ontario).

2) according Jennifer L Lux (2011) the TFC had modest effects: "Little is known about variation of TFC in real-world practice. Findings suggest fair to good overall conformity with considerable variation among programs".

3) Adult focused EBTs cannot be compared with youth EBTs use as the selected programs (e.g. a program for nuova Nile delinquency) are not addressed to similar outcomes of mental wellness

I would suggest to consider international guidelines of health authorities (WHO) about evidence based practices for mental health consider the selected programmers not as representatives of EBTs

Finally, I would suggest to update references particularly those concerning EBP (26, 27...)
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