

Peer Review File

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Reviewer A

Comments:

The authors present the journey taken to develop the Transition to Wellness Virtual Program, that besides aiding people through unexpected transitions, it also provides field work experience to students.

My only comment is about the negative experiences or drawbacks in the implementation and the results of the program. Unfortunately no program is 100% effective, so it would be helpful to the readers to know the difficulties you faced and how you solved them. I assume not all the people that took part in the program, followed it to completion. Some numbers would be appreciated.

Reviewer B

Comments:

In the context of COVID-19 pandemic, the author proposed a virtual program to provide occupational therapy and provide some insights on the significance of this virtual program.

1. However, this commentary article was written in a confused and unclear way, even the title is not accurate. As an academic paper, the authors should strictly write it and provide academic points more clearly.

Reply: Rewrote elements to address some issues with flow of material and understanding. The paper was written as a review of a process and lends itself to a slightly more narrative style to facilitate understanding of the process and purpose. Title reframed to better reflect paper content.

2. First, the abstract is not informative because they talked a lot of the background information.

- 1) Please briefly indicate the significance of this topic and why there is a need for this virtual program.
- 2) Please briefly describe the program and its underlying mechanisms and how it works to address the occupation-related problems.
- 3) The authors need to provide several technical details of the virtual program.
- 4) In the conclusion sentence, please have comments on the limitations and focuses of future work.

Reply: Abstract included and points above noted and included.

3. Second, in the main text, please consider to explain more on the negative impact of pandemic on occupation and students' career and explain why virtual wellness program is suitable for addressing these problems.

Reply: Material added that talks to the impact on fieldwork progression and potential impact on timely graduation.

4. Third, in the introductory parts, please use a figure to indicate the rationale and elements of the program.

Reply: As a review article the paper was written as a narrative – I am happy to include a table if the narrative does not review the process effectively, but uncertain exactly what a table would add – if the

reviewer would like to provide more guidance on how it will enhance the review I will consider including.

5. Finally, the paper was not written in structured way, not like a scientific paper. Please consider to substantially revise it. Scientific basis is weak.

Reply: See response to point 1 above.
