

Title: Novel Methods for Implementing Measurement-Based Care for Youth in Low-resource Environments

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## KPiIRB Protocol Submission Form

### 1. Protocol

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### 2. Objectives

#### a. Purpose

Measurement Based Care (MBC) is the systematic, routine evaluation of symptoms to inform care decisions. Especially in youth, MBC increases the rate of symptom improvement, detects clients who would otherwise deteriorate, and alerts therapists to non-responders. Despite its demonstrated utility, MBC is rarely implemented with fidelity; fewer than 15% of therapists report using MBC per recommendations. Previous efforts to support MBC implementation have yielded suboptimal outcomes because Community Mental Health Clinic (CMHC) leaders are challenged to identify and prioritize barriers and select strategies to overcome them. New methods are needed to optimize MBC implementation and treatment quality to improve youth mental health outcomes in community settings. The purpose of this project (referred to as NIMBLE) is to pilot test and refine IMPACT Center methods in six diverse CMHC clinics across Washington state (three of six serve primarily Latinx populations) to optimize MBC implementation.

#### b. Primary Objective/Aim

##### **Aim 1: Co-create plans for optimizing Measurement Based Care (MBC) implementation for youth with comorbidities.**

We will test IMPACT methods to identify and prioritize barriers of MBC implementation, and to select and match strategies to prioritized barriers. IMPACT methods include (a) **rapid evidence reviews** to uncover empirical data regarding MBC barriers (therapists only); (b) **rapid ethnography** to identify and describe local barriers and situate them in specific organizational, social, and task contexts (therapists & clinic staff only); and (c) **design kits** (e.g., kits with disposable camera, journals) to allow *therapists and youth* to capture and reflect on aspects of their context that are salient for MBC. These three methods will result in a list of barriers that will be rated by therapists and other staff who agree to join a clinic specific implementation team. Subsequently, we will use facilitated group processes (**barrier prioritization and causal pathway diagramming**) to develop plans to match strategies to the top three barriers and clarify what needs to be in place to optimize

MBC implementation. We will check back with clinic-specific implementation teams biweekly to track strategy deployment for six months; after 3 months if MBC hasn't significantly improved, clinic teams will move onto deploying their other strategies.

### **c. Secondary Objectives/Aims**

#### **AIM 2: Compare MBC fidelity post IMPACT Center methods deployment versus historical controls.**

We will evaluate at the clinic level whether IMPACT methods were effective in optimizing MBC fidelity. To do this, we will employ two methods: 1) an **anonymous self-report survey** pre-implementation, 3 months and again 6 months post implementation strategies, and 2) a historical control design comparing MBC fidelity pre- and post- IMPACT methods (e.g., design kits). **Pre-IMPACT method** data will be captured from a pre-existing, routinely gathered, de-identified database from the Washington State CBT+ initiative (**further described in Section 6 – Setting**). The database will represent MBC fidelity 2 years prior to IMPACT center methods. For **post-IMPACT method** data, at least 5 therapists at each clinic will be asked to report MBC fidelity data to the Washington State CBT+ Initiative Dashboard for up to 5 cases. Therapists at each clinic are familiar with the Dashboard, as its use is part of their routine training. Data recorded related to MBC fidelity consists of therapist's use of the three main components of MBC – (1) Collect, (2) Share, and (3) Act (described further in **Scientific Background** and **Study Procedure** sections).

### **3. Background Information and Rationale**

#### **a. Scientific Background**

MBC is effective in improving mental health outcomes for youth with comorbidities but only if implemented with fidelity. MBC is the systematic evaluation of youth outcomes (like symptoms) before or during each clinical encounter to inform care. When relying *only* on clinical judgement, therapists detect few cases of client deterioration (only 21.4%). When implemented with fidelity, MBC consistently yields medium effect-sized improvements over usual care and can be especially beneficial for guiding treatment focus with youth who have comorbidities. For youth in community mental health clinics, where comorbidities are the rule rather than exception, MBC holds powerful promise for increasing the quality of any psychological intervention by facilitating communication and focusing treatment.

We operationalize MBC's fidelity elements in accordance with Barber & Resnick's transtheoretical model called Collect, Share, Act. Collect refers to the routine administration of symptom measures before therapy sessions. Share refers to therapist and client score review. Act refers to collaborative reevaluation of the treatment plan. Each element is necessary to maximizing the promise and clinical utility of MBC.

Bickman and colleagues studied MBC implementation at two clinics. Higher implementation with fidelity corresponded to better youth outcomes at one clinic, despite facing more discrete barriers. The clinic with poor outcomes did not address key barriers

(e.g., leadership buy-in), suggesting that lack of barrier prioritization undermined MBC fidelity. Similarly, Lewis found that clinic-led tailoring improved one of three elements of MBC fidelity (measure administration). However, score review and reevaluation of the treatment plan remained suboptimal. Without rigorous methods to support the practice community in optimizing all MBC elements, or treatment quality will remain low, and youth will not experience mental health benefits.

**This study is the first signature project of the IMPACT center in partnership with the Washington State CBT+ initiative.** The current project uses new methods, including rapid evidence synthesis, rapid ethnography, and design kits to identify locally contextualized barriers to clinic-wide use of MBC, as well as causal pathway diagramming (CPD) a method for selecting strategies and matching them to barriers that will help clinics optimize their use of MBC (Aim 1.) We will investigate whether IMPACT methods improve MBC fidelity through a historical control design (Aim 2).

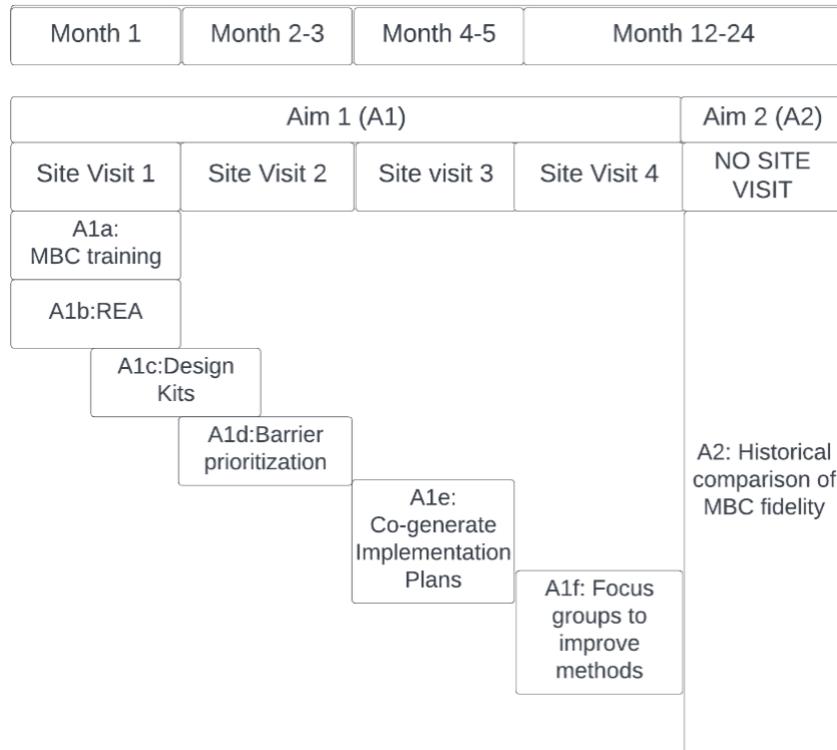
**b. Preliminary Data**

None.

#### **4. Study Design**

The study design is a prospective implementation study that includes a retrospective database review arm. We will pilot IMPACT's methods in six clinics in partnership with the CBT+ initiative. We will approach clinics that are diverse in patient makeup (e.g., approaching clinics that see primarily Latinx youth), rural/urban status, size, and length of time implementing EBPs. There will be 2 cohorts of 2 clinics each, staggered by 6 months. Total duration of the study for participating clinics is 24 months.

The study design is represented in picture form in Figure 1 below. Figure 1 is broken down by aim and site visit. In the diagram, Aim 1, activity 1 is coded as A1a, Aim 1, activity 2 is coded as A1b, and



so forth.

**Figure 1 – Map of the NIMBLE study**

Note on in-person/hybrid/virtual study activities: All study activities may be done in-person or virtually, depending on clinic preference and staff availability. For any virtual activity, we will use the KP Microsoft Teams platform or the clinic's preferred HIPAA-compliant teleconferencing platform.

### **Aim 1 (A1): Co-create Plans for Optimizing MBC Implementation for Youth with Comorbidities**

To identify barriers to using MBC with fidelity, IMPACT will pilot 3 new, complementary methods: rapid evidence reviews (RER), rapid ethnographic assessment (REA), and design kits and further pilot causal pathway diagramming.

#### **A1a: MBC training (Site visit 1)**

**The title of the training is:** Collect, Share, Act – making measurement-based care work for your youth mental health practice.

**Description of the training:** Measurement-based care (MBC) is a promising addition to any psychological treatment for any mental health problem. This one-time training offers an

overview of MBC: what it is, why it works, the primary components, typical challenges, and strategies for use with minoritized youth with complex psychosocial presentations.

**A1b: Build engagement and identify context-specific barriers through rapid ethnographic assessment (Site visit 1)**

Understanding implementation context is critical to the success of implementation efforts, as it allows you to better match strategies to barriers. Several methods exist to understand the implementation context, but their use brings up a myriad of conceptual and philosophical difficulties. In this study, we use REA methods over 2-day virtual or in-person site visits at each clinic.

**A1c: Identify barriers using design kits (Site visit 1)**

To complement REA and collect real-time data from therapists and youth, at the end of site visits, we will leave (or mail out) design probe materials including disposable cameras, journals, pens and prompts to use to take pictures, make diary entries, draw maps, and record images.

**A1d: Barrier prioritization (Site visit 2)**

To prioritize barriers to using MBC with fidelity, IMPACT will pilot a new group-facilitated activity with our clinic staff participants. The activity will occur in-person (Site Visit 2) but could be delivered virtually if needed. Identified barriers (50+ expected) will be prioritized using a participant-engaged method. We will engage 5-8 therapists and/or staff in the prioritization activity for a 2-hour facilitated group activity.

**A1e: Co-generate implementation plans/Causal Pathway Diagramming (Site visit 3)**

Following the prioritization of barriers, causal pathways diagrams (CPDs) will be used to compare and select implementation strategies best suited to address the barriers of using MBC with fidelity. The same implementation team members will be engaged in this 2-hour in-person or virtual activity as in Site Visit 2.

**A1f: Focus groups to improve IMPACT methods (Site visit 4)**

We will engage our partners in a semi-structured focus group to capture their experience engaging in all IMPACT Center methods in the 3 site visits to inform further toolkit refinement. This will occur in person or virtually.

**Aim 2 (A2): Compare MBC fidelity post IMPACT Center methods deployment versus historical controls (no site visit)**

The purpose of IMPACT methods is to improve clinician's fidelity using MBC. Fidelity will be conceptualized as therapist's use of the three main components of MBC – (1) Collect, (2) Share, and (3) Act. We will assess fidelity in two ways. First, we will use a brief anonymous self-report survey before implementing strategies and 6 months after. Previously, we had planned to use data from the Washington State CBT+ Initiative Dashboard, but we have had difficulty recruiting clinicians to engage in this task. For our second method of fidelity measurement we will ask clinics to send a dataset from their electronic health record for at least 6 months before IMPACT methods were deployed, and to 6-months after the active implementation period. The dataset will not contain any PHI. We will compare historical data at 6- and -18 months post site visits. .

## 5. Study Population

### a. Number of Subjects/Participants

Aim 1: Co-create plans for optimizing Measurement Based Care (MBC) implementation for youth with comorbidities.

#### Therapists/Clinic Staff:

Rapid Ethnographic Assessment Interviews – 120 participants

Design Kit – 32 participants (subset of the 120 interviewed)

Barrier Prioritization – 24 participants (subset of 120 interviewed)

Causal Pathway Diagramming – 20 participants (subset of 120 interviewed)

Focus Groups to improve IMPACT methods– 20 participants (subset of 120 interviewed)

#### Youth:

Design Kit - 32 participants

### AIM 2: Compare MBC fidelity post IMPACT Center methods deployment versus historical controls (not associated with a site visit)

NIMBLE will compare data at a clinic level prior to MBC training and at 6- and 18-months post site visit 1.

Our approach is to evaluate, at a clinic level, use of MBC before and after IMPACT method deployment. Specifically, we focus on whether therapists engaged in the main components of MBC: (1) Collect, or how often measures were provided to patients (frequency of administration), (2) Share, or how often therapists discuss outcome measures with their patients, and (3) Act, or whether therapists and patients used outcome measure data to change their direction in therapy (reevaluation using data).

We will use two different methods to assess use of MBC. The first is a short anonymous self-report survey filled out before implementing new strategies to address barriers to MBC use, and a second time 6 months after implementation. The second method is to ask for 5 therapists to enter data from 5 cases related to MBC use into the Washington State CBT+ Dashboard. Data will be aggregated at the clinic level, as we are investigating whether IMPACT methods impact clinic-wide changes. We are not studying whether any individual person's behavior changes as a result of IMPACT methods.

Clinic staff/Therapists (N=30) across 4 CMHCs in Washington state.

Inclusion: Must be aged 21+ and be working at a CMHC that is participating in the WA State CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) + Initiative.

Exclusion: Must be willing to participate in study activities

Youth participants: NA, there are no Youth Participants in this aim

#### **b. Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria**

#### **Aim 1: Co-create plans for optimizing Measurement Based Care (MBC) implementation for youth with comorbidities.**

Clinic staff/Therapists (N=78) across 4 CMHCs in Washington state.

Inclusion: Must be aged 21+ and be working at a CMHC that is participating in the WA State CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) + Initiative.

Exclusion: Must be willing to participate in study activities.

#### Youth (N=22)

Inclusion: aged 13-17 years, receiving treatment at CMHC participating in the WA State CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) + Initiative.

Exclusions: youth who are suicidal, psychotic, not cognitively able to safely participate in MBC, and not able to read and write in English.

#### **Aim 2: Compare MBC fidelity post IMPACT Center methods deployment versus historical controls.**

Clinic staff/Therapists (N=30; subset of 78 clinic staff/therapists in Aim 1) across 4 CMHCs in Washington state.

Inclusion: Must be aged 21+ and be working at a CMHC that is participating in the WA State CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) + Initiative.

Exclusion: Must be willing to participate in study activities

Youth: NA, there are no Youth Participants in this aim

#### **c. Vulnerable Populations**

The only vulnerable population we will include is Children 13-17 years of age since the study focuses on improving mental health outcomes for this population. Children must have the ability to read and write in English, given the nature of the research methods.

#### **d. Potentially Vulnerable Populations**

N/A

## 6. Setting

This study was originally being done completely through KPWHR. Dr. Martinez, the scientific lead and site PI changed institutions to Brown University and continued his role as scientific lead. At KPWHR, Rita Mangione-Smith is the new site PI. All study activities will be done at KPWHR and Brown University. Dr. Martinez will be engaged in all study activities (recruitment, providing study information sheet, interviewing, communicating with clinics, etc.). An IAA is under preparation between Brown University and KPILRB.

The research will be conducted in Community Mental Health Clinics in Richland and Yakima, Washington, as well as other clinics in the Puget Sound area of Washington state, with **all clinics being part of the Washington State CBT+ Initiative**. The Washington State CBT+ initiative (called **CBT+**) provides an ideal backdrop for conducting this work. CBT+ is an academic-community partnership funded by the state's Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery. Over nearly 15 years, the initiative has provided clinician training and some organizational support for delivering EBPs for children and adolescents in public mental health, with high practice community collaboration and leadership.

## 7. Recruitment & Consent

### a. Recruitment & Screening

Recruitment will happen in Washington State only, but Dr. Martinez will be involved with recruitment of clinics and participants while at Brown University. All study activities will be done on a KP-provided computer. See section 9f for more information.

#### **Aim 1: Co-create plans for optimizing Measurement Based Care (MBC) implementation for youth with comorbidities.**

##### **Clinic Staff/Therapists:**

We will host a 2-hour kick-off meeting (in person or virtual) at all 4 clinics where study activities will be described, and clinic staff/therapists will have an opportunity to ask questions. We will provide NIMBLE Study Team contact information for any person who would like to ask questions individually.

##### **A1b: Rapid Ethnographic Assessment (REA) observations and interviews**

At the end of the workshop the co-investigators will describe the other components in the study and give or email clinic staff and therapists an information sheet detailing the opportunity to volunteer as participants in interviews and observations. Clinic staff/therapists who do not want to participate will not be included in the REA observation and will not be approached for a 1-time interview.

##### **A1c: Design Kit activity**

Therapists: We will provide a physical or emailed clinic staff information sheet detailing the design kit activity and ask for volunteer therapists at each clinic to participate.

Youth identification: Front desk at clinics will share a recruitment card attached with youth clients (aged

13-17) being seen at each clinic, and youth will call the study team if interested in participating. The recruitment card will contain study team contact information so that interested youth can call the study team to get more information and have a chance to ask questions about what study activities include. Once all questions have been answered and the participant has decided to participate, the assent process will be conducted over the phone with NIMBLE study investigator Dr. Ruben Martinez or NIMBLE study project manager Carolyn Bain. If the youth does not have the Youth Design Kit information sheet with them, we would ask for their email address and email a message with a vague subject title to them so we could look at it in real time as we discuss the design kit activity. Since youth will call us to participate, we do not feel there is undue influence or coercion from receiving the recruitment card at the therapist office. The recruitment card and information sheet can be taken home to share with parents if the youth wish to share their participation with their parents.

**A1d: Barrier Prioritization, A1e: Causal Pathway Diagramming, and A1f: Focus groups**

The clinic staff information sheet explains each of these additional activities.

At the first site visit we will ask clinic staff to provide their email addresses to us and tell us if they may be interested in participating in one, two or all three of these activities. One month before each activity, we will send clinic staff a reminder email with the information sheet, asking them to contact us if they are willing to participate. We will provide the interview guides/agendas to IRB for each activity with a modification prior to carrying out these activities.

**AIM 2: Compare MBC fidelity post IMPACT Center methods deployment versus historical controls**

Clinic Staff/Therapists: At the end of each Aim 1 interview with clinic staff, we will ask them whether

they would be willing to participate in data collection efforts for Aim 2. We will provide the clinic staff

information sheet. Therapists will already be familiar with this process as they do this as part of standard clinic training.

Youth identification: NA, no youth activities

**b. Informed Consent Process**

Consent and Waiver Table		
Population	Study Activity/Activities	Consent/Waiver Type
NIMBLE participants	Identification Study Enrollment	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Consent Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver of Signed Consent (oral consent, information statement)

**Clinic Staff and Therapist Consent Process**

The NIMBLE team at KPWHRI and Brown University will begin the consent process on the initial visit to each CMHC. The first activity in the visit is a training workshop which focuses on the importance of MBC. This workshop is desired by each of the CHMC and leadership at each CHMC have deemed this a required workshop for all staff providing clinical services to youth. Of note, even though the MBC workshop is mandatory for therapists, the rest of the study activities are not. The study team will elicit questions and ensure that all staff and therapists understand what participation entails. To minimize the possibility of coercion or undue influence, the study team will ask those interested in learning more to remain in the room, while those not interested will be asked to leave, at which point the study team will complete the oral consenting process there. Over the course of the study, the team will revisit the activities with participants and make sure they still are comfortable participating. For in-person site visits to ensure that staff and therapists are comfortable with our team's presence in the clinic during clinic observation activities we will implement the following procedures:

1. Announce that the meeting/huddle is being observed at the start of the meeting. Explain what type of information will be noted as part of the observation (i.e., workflows, relationships, direct anonymized quotes, etc.). Give people the opportunity to “opt-out” at the earliest possible time in the meeting/huddle.
2. Putting a sign on the door or in the room, or both, explaining that this meeting is being observed as part of an ethnographic study. Notes are being taken about MBC topics. If you would prefer to not be included in the notes, please contact study team member (Abby Matson or Carolyn Bain) (will provide photos of team members). This ensures people that came in late are aware they are part of a study and know how to opt out.
3. Remind folks at the end of the meeting that this session was observed, and notes made about MBC specific topics, and how to opt out.

**c. Justification: Waiver of Informed Consent**

N/A

**d. Justification: Waiver of Signed Informed Consent**

The research involves no more than minimal risk to participants and involves no procedures for which written consent is normally required outside of the research context.

For youth, there is no in-person contact planned with the study team; it is only by phone.

**e. Limited English Proficiency Participants**

N/A

**f. Assent of Children and Parent Permission**

Youth will assent for participation in this research.

Youth clients receiving care at participating CMHCs will receive a recruitment information card and information sheet from the front desk of the clinic upon check-in, with a phone number to call if they are interested in participating.

We are requesting a waiver of parental consent because per WA State law, youth aged 13+ are permitted to access mental health services without parental consent or knowledge. Given this legal framework, and the study focus on youth mental health within the Community Mental Health Clinics, we will have youth assent process.

**g. Adults Unable to Consent/Decisionally Impaired**

N/A

**h. HIPAA Privacy Rule Authorization**

N/A

**i. Justification: Waiver or Alteration of HIPAA Privacy Rule Authorization**

N/A

## **8. Study Procedures**

**a. Study Design**

Aim 1 (A1): Co-create plans for optimizing Measurement Based Care (MBC) implementation for youth with comorbidities.

***Site visit 1 (2 days)***

**A1a MBC Training.** We will kick off the site visit with a 2-hour orientation/training about Measurement Based Care for which therapists can receive CEUs. At the end of the training, we will ask them to complete IMPACT's center-wide 18-item Implementation Climate Scale over REDCap (ImplementationClimateScale\_NIMBLE REDCap.pdf submitted in this package.

**A1b. Rapid Ethnographic Assessment (REA).** REA plan was developed in conjunction with two REA experts (Gray and Palazzo). REA will be conducted over 2-day site visits (in-person or virtual) at each clinic, following the kickoff training, by **Martinez** (project co-lead), **Bain** (project manager), and research specialist (**Matson**). For in-person visits, this team will conduct ethnographic observations on both days, using primarily unobtrusive techniques on Day 1, documenting observations of activities (e.g., clinician documentation), interactions (e.g., client check in), and events (e.g., staff meeting) using written and audio-recorded field notes. The team will try to engage all clinic staff in ethnographic interviews with questions in 4 categories. Grand tour: Could you describe a typical day at this clinic? Mini tour: Could you describe a typical therapy session? Task: Could you show me how you use MBC in your work and describe what you are doing? Example: Could you give me examples of "good" and "poor" use of elements of MBC? No identifying information will be collected, and all staff/therapists will be identified by a STUDY ID.

We will interview staff for responses to the "example" question described above. We expect up to 30 interviews per clinic: 30–45 minutes for therapists, 15 minutes for staff. We will synthesize learnings from observations, interviews, and surveys in a debriefing session, using notes to generate a list of unique barriers.

Day 2 (if in person) will be focused observations of therapists shadowed by team members to document, track, and note the duration and location of activities, guided by barriers identified

in the evidence review and Day 1 learnings. We will conduct semi-structured, focused interviews virtually or in-person based on Day 1 learnings, with therapists (therapists, supervisors, psychiatrists) and staff (up to 30). Day 2 interviews will be longer (15-30 minutes) and audio recorded if done in person.

If study activities are done virtually, there will be no site observation, but the study team will conduct interviews. In this case, videos will be video recorded and transcribed using the Microsoft Teams platform.

**A1c. Design Kits.** To complement REA and collect real-time data from therapists and youth, at the end of site visits, we will leave (or mail) design kit materials including disposable cameras, journals, pens and prompts to use to describe using MBC by taking pictures, make diary entries, draw maps, and record images. We will ask therapists (5-8 per clinic) to participate. We will strive to recruit at least one youth from each participating therapist to also complete design kits.

We will recruit 5-8 youth clients to also complete design kits. This is the only youth-related activity in the study. Participants (*therapists and youth*) will have one week to document experiences before returning the toolkits to the study team in self-addressed, postage-paid stamped envelopes. Within a week of receiving the data, team members will conduct follow-up 15-minute phone interviews, inviting participants to interpret and comment on their responses. Team members will create memos documenting barriers and describing their salience, meaning, and importance to the participant.

#### **A1d. Barrier Prioritization.**

We will engage 5-8 therapists and/or staff in the prioritization activity for a 2-hour facilitated group activity. The activity will occur in-person (Site Visit 2) but could be delivered virtually if needed. Barriers identified through the rapid evidence review, rapid ethnographic assessment, and design kits (50+ expected) will be prioritized using a participant-engaged method. We will begin by showing clinic staff/therapist participants a list of identified barriers grouped by level (e.g., individual therapist, clinic-level, supervisor-level) and ask them to rank their 20 most important barriers. After, we will ask them to rate how important, long-lasting, and pervasive those barriers are in their use of MBC. These meetings will not be recorded.

**A1e. Causal Pathway Diagramming.** For each clinic, we will develop **Causal Pathway Diagrams** CPDs for the top 3 prioritized barriers. The goal is to assess how well each implementation strategy is matched to a prioritized barrier, based on its mechanism of action, and to clarify the causal chain of events that must take place to achieve MBC fidelity. Our research team will develop a CPD for the top barrier, to use as an example, in advance of meeting with the same group of 5-8 therapists and staff in each clinic who participated in the barrier prioritization activity (Site Visit 2). We will present the CPD, introduce clinic staff participants to the 5-step construction process, discuss how the CPD aligns with their experiences, and modify it as needed. We will then collaboratively guide

clinic staff participants in constructing CPDs for the other barriers using the 5-step process described below. Plain language questions will be used to guide stakeholders through the process of developing CPDs. These meetings will be recorded using the Microsoft Teams platform if done virtually.

**A1f. Focus Groups to Improve IMPACT methods.** We will engage our partners in a semi-structured focus group to capture their experience engaging in all IMPACT Center methods in the 3 site visits to inform further toolkit refinement. A facilitator not previously engaged in any of the activities will conduct a 90-minute focus group to solicit reactions to all aspects of IMPACT's methods, including the steps and personnel requirements of each method, and their output (e.g., prioritized barriers; utility of the information captured in the CPDs). We will also be collecting implementation outcome measures, Acceptability, appropriateness, feasibility using established measures. The focus group data will supplement observer notes taken throughout the site visits.

To gather quantitative data related to IMPACT methods, up to N = 30 workshop participants will also be asked to complete Weiner et al.'s (2017) acceptability of intervention measure (AIM), feasibility of intervention measure; (FIM), and intervention appropriateness measure (IAM). The focus of these measures will be on assessing the acceptability, feasibility, and appropriateness of IMPACT center methods (e.g., design kits). These measures are uploaded in the IRBNet submission.

**AIM 2 (A2): Compare MBC fidelity post IMPACT Center methods deployment versus historical controls.** To examine MBC fidelity in Aim 2, we use routine session process data entered by therapists as part of their participation in the Washington CBT+ Initiative. In addition, we will request that therapists fill out a short anonymous self-reported survey on outcome use before the active implementation period, at 3 months and again at 6 months (REDCap survey: MBC Outcome Questionnaire).

Dr. Shannon Dorsey is a co-director of the Washington State CBT+ Initiative and the MPI of the IMPACT center. The dashboard with de-identified cases from which we are collecting data from is maintained as part of the CBT+ Initiative, and the CBT+ Initiative is the primary "laboratory" for IMPACT center methods. When data from CBT+ aligns with IMPACT aims, data can be curated by their team and sent to IMPACT NIMBLE co-investigator Ruben Martinez, via secure file transfer per CBT+ operational guidelines and procedures. Data will be shared back with clinics and the CBT+ initiative only in aggregate form for the purposes of quality/continuous improvement. CBT+ has routinely used data from the dashboard for quality improvement over the past 10 years.

Historical data has already been collected and is available to the study team as part of their involvement in the CBT+ initiative and ongoing practice improvement work. As part of

their clinic training, each therapist in these clinics participates in a CBT+ training. For the training, they track MBC data for up to 5 cases. To log the data for these 5 cases, therapists log into an account set up for them by an administrator and enter the data under a pseudonym. They can choose any code (e.g., “Marty McFly”) to identify their patient so long as it does not contain the name of their patient or any other identifying information. Thus, all client-level data are de-identified before they are entered into the system. While administrators have access to website data that contains therapist names and other information, that information is not and will not be accessible to this study team.

For post-IMPACT comparison data, therapists providing data will fall into two categories. The first category are therapists who have not gone through the CBT+ training yet. These therapists will follow the same procedures as those who entered historical data. The second category are therapists who have already completed their CBT+ training. We will ask the second category therapists to track data for 5-8 new cases. They will go through the same procedure as the other therapists with one exception. Rather than creating codes to identify patients themselves, our study team will have each therapist select a paper list of up to 8 identifying codes (e.g., AA1, AA2...AA8) to use to identify their patients. We will not keep any document that links any specific codes to any therapist. In this way, we will be able to isolate data identified by those codes, and identify that they came from a therapist within a specific clinic, but we will not be able to identify therapists individually.

**Data Collection Instruments** (these documents have all been uploaded to IRBNet:

Clinic Site Visit interviews: Supervisor-level interview guide, Management-level interview guide, Clinician-level interview guide, Admin Support Interview guide, AIM FIM IAM measures, and Implementation Climate Scale.

NIMBLE Youth Design Kits: Youth Design Kit Instructions, Youth Activity Cards, Follow-up design kit interview.

NIMBLE Clinician Design Kit: Clinician Design Kit Instructions, Clinician Activity Cards, Follow-up design kit interview.

Implementation outcome scale (AIM FIM IAM measures.docx) – Package 1

Implementation Climate Scale: ImplementationClimateScale\_NIMBLE REDCap.pdf – Package 1  
and electronic/REDCap version in current package

MBC Fidelity Outcome self-report scale: MBCOutcomeQuestionnaire\_NIMBLE(2).pdf – Package 6

 **Table 2. Overarching Timeline and Activities**

	Activities	Months 0-6	Months 6-12	Months 12-18	Months 18-24	Months 24-30	Months 30-36
A1	Clinic Enrollment & Engagement	x					
	Participant Enrollment		Chrt 1	Chrt 2	Chrt 3		
	Manuscript Preparation				x	x	x
A2	Evidence Review	x					
	Site Visits 1-3		Chrt 1	Chrt 2	Chrt 3		
	Debrief Focus Group		Chrt 1	Chrt 2	Chrt 3		
A3	Toolkit Data Extraction			Chrt 1	Chrt 2	Chrt 3	
	Historical Control Data Analysis			Chrt 1	Chrt 2	Chrt 3	

**b. Data Analysis**

**Aim 1** – The purpose of all data collected in aim 1 is to identify barriers to the use of measurement-based care. All rapid ethnography and design kit data will be used to this end.

**Rapid Ethnography data analysis will occur in four main steps.**

**Step 1: Data Condensing.** All data sources will be compiled as text and entered a Microsoft Excel database. We do not anticipate any names will appear in these data, but if names do appear they will be deleted. Data triangulation will consist of word clouds and heat maps.

**Step 2: Data Reduction.** At least two team members will read all text data gathered in the project. Two team members will iteratively code data into themes.

**Step 3: Data Interpretation.** We will categorize coded data with the explicit purpose of (1) identifying barriers (what is getting in the way of MBC use), (2) identifying facilitators (are there established strengths we can leverage to strengthen MBC use), and (3) identifying themes that may aid in development of implementation strategies (do clinic staff participants identify possible solutions for overcoming barriers).

**Step 4: Data Representation.** Ultimately, these data will be used to generate a list of clinic-specific barriers categorized as in Lewis et al., 2019. Barriers identified through this process may be represented in several ways (e.g., box display, matrix, network) depending on the content and form of codes and categories.

**Design Kit data analysis will occur in five main steps, with only Step 1 differing from REA.**

**Step 1: Data description and transcription.** Visual data (photos) will be described by two members of the study team. While we do not anticipate any identifying information in photographs, we will first inspect and shred any photograph that includes any possible identifying information. Second, two members of the study team will jointly create visual descriptions of photos. Journal information will be transcribed into a Microsoft form. All names or other identifying information will be removed.

**Steps 2-5:** The study team will undergo the same steps as rapid ethnography to identify a list of barriers: data condensing, data reduction, data interpretation, and data representation.

**Aim 2 – Analytic Plan**

Analyses will be the same for each fidelity outcome tool. We will use 3-level generalized mixed effects models to account for the multilevel nature of the data (fidelity score nested within therapist nested within clinic). Significance of model fit and individual coefficients will be

determined via deviation tests (likelihood ratio, Akaike Information Criterion, & Bayes Information Criterion).

**Power.** Assuming parameters outlined above, therapist intraclass correlations ranging from .01 to .30, and level-2 covariates correlating with outcomes at .15, we have power of .80 to detect a minimum effect size of  $d = .36 - .48$

Data from each clinic will be collected and combined into a primary dataset after the 12th month of their involvement, or when enough therapists have completed entering their 5 training cases into the CBT+ dashboard. Data cleaning and primary analyses will begin once all data from all participating clinics are collected and compiled into one dataset. It is expected that analyses will take between 3 - 6 months after data are gathered from the final clinic to complete. The primary outcomes paper will be written between 4 months - 1 year after data are analyzed.

#### **c. Sharing of Results with Participants**

Throughout the study, Study Team Members will work with participating clinic staff, sharing feedback as aggregate data reflecting what we have learned and ask for clinic staff to reflect on how current clinic state matches data interpretation by study staff. This is important for surfacing any factors that need to be addressed during the implementation process to optimize MBC.

There are no study results to provide to individual participants. Youth will not receive any results.

#### **d. Data and/or Specimen Banking**

N/A

### **9. Privacy, Confidentiality and Data Security**

#### **a. Privacy during Study Activities**

The data collected for this study: REA interviews, Youth and Therapist Design Kits, Barrier Prioritization, Causal Pathway Diagramming, and Focus Groups, does not contain personal information, it is information related to how the participant experiences or implements Measurement Based Care at the CMHC participating in this study. However, we will protect confidentiality by using Study ID instead of names. Electronic files collected by design kit study participants (if they choose to use this format instead of or in addition to our disposable cameras) will be transferred to the research team at KPHRI via SFT. All files will be stored on the KPHRI G-drive or Sharepoint site with access only granted to research staff granting access. All computers at KPHRI are password protected and employees are trained in data safety and sign confidentiality agreements annually.

#### **b. Storage of data and/or specimens.**

All data will be stored on password-protected computers on the study G-drive accessible only to IMPACT Center Study Staff or on the KPWA REDCap platform. Physical documents will be stored at MPE in locked filing cabinets only accessible to study staff. All materials will be de-identified, using a unique study ID that does not require a crosswalk because we only need to know which

documents correspond with each other. Because this is de-identified data, it will be kept indefinitely. Postage paid self-addressed sealed envelopes will be sent back by USPS. All audio and digital recordings of rapid ethnography interviews will be kept on the G-drive or Sharepoint site with access only granted to research staff on the IRB.

**c. Collection of data from participants electronically**

If Clinic staff participants prefer, we will communicate via email to convey basic study information such

as to confirm interview times and send information for how to join meetings via Zoom/Teams or to answer questions about completing Design Kit Activities. No PHI is being collected as a part of this study.

In addition, we will set up a secure file transfer so that the participants can upload any potential electronic data collected while completing Design Kit activities to the study team. Participants are instructed not to collect any personally identifying information in their electronic data, so this data will

not contain personal information or PHI. The Implementation Climate Scale (ImplementationClimateScale\_NIMBLE REDCap.pdf) and NIMBLE Outcome Questionnaire (MBCOutcomeQuestionnaire\_NIMBLE(2).pdf) do not collect any PHI and will be distributed via the REDCap survey distribution tool, which is secure.

Youth will not be contacted by Zoom/Teams; youth will only be contacted by telephone.

**d. Disclosure of PHI to Collaborators**

We are not collecting PHI from collaborators. We will give participating therapists a list of 8 pseudonyms to enter youth data under in the Washington State CBT+ Initiative dashboard. When we access the data, we will be able to limit what we gather to the pseudonyms provided. This will allow for us to not link youth to therapists.

**e. Funder required data sharing**

The IMPACT Center, funded by NIMH will share 2 measures which are being collected across all studies:

1. Implementation Outcomes Measure
  - a. Appropriateness
  - b. Feasibility
  - c. Acceptability
2. Causal Pathway Diagrams

**None of the measures listed above contain PHI, patient data, clinical data, individual data, or any identifiable data.**

**f. Data and specimen sharing (data commitments)**

N/A

Dr. Martinez will access any sensitive study information and perform study activities through a KP laptop, provided to him after he became an "unpaid member of the workforce." He will access data through the GlobalProtect VPN. No DTAs are needed at this time.

**g. Data provided from external organizations or other KP regions**

N/A

**10. Provisions to Monitor Data to Ensure the Safety of Participants**

N/A

**11. Risks and Benefits**

**a. Risks to Participants**

While we will hold conversations about workflow at the clinics, we will not be discussing individual level performance, nor reporting any individual outcomes. There is minimal risk that an employee would suffer any adverse outcome based on the data we are collecting and sharing.

The only risk for clinic staff/therapists is the possibility that their Design Kit could be intercepted by someone not involved in the project, however, this risk is minimized because we are not collecting any PHI or personal information in the Design Kit process.

One possible risk for youth is that their parent finds their design kit journal, however, there is no detailed information about their mental health or treatment plan, it would likely look like a school project. The youth could feel uncomfortable or upset that their parent had read their journal. The only possible risk with youth is that their de-identified design kit will be intercepted in the mail, which is highly unlikely given that they will be provided with a pre-paid, sealable envelope. While we do have to mail the Design Kits to the youth, the materials in the Design Kit are identified by Study ID only and the return envelope does not include participant name or address.

**b. Potential Benefits to Participants**

There is no direct benefit to participants in this study. They may have indirect benefits of feeling like they have contributed to science.

**12. Costs to Participants**

Participants will not be responsible for any costs.

**13. Compensation to Participants**

For the design probe/kit activity participants will be compensated for their time and effort; therapists will receive a \$100 gift certificate and youth will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

Therapists who participate in the MBC workshops will receive continuing education units (CEU). Clinic staff and therapists will receive \$25 gift certificate for participating in clinic visit interviews. Clinic staff and therapists will receive a \$100 gift certificate for participating in focus groups.

#### **14. Drugs or Devices**

- a. Drug Study:** N/A
- b. Device Study:** N/A

#### **15. Qualifications and Human Subjects Training Assurance**

PI attestation: Study investigators are responsible for assuring that all study team members have required HIPAA and human subjects training. KP key personnel are required to link CITI training records to their IRBNet profile. Check the following to confirm:

- All study staff (at KP or at other sites if relying on the KPiIRB for IRB review) who have access to identifiable data, or who interact with participants (e.g., programmers, research specialists, survey interviewers, interventionists, etc.) have up-to-date HIPAA and human subjects training records. KP training requirements are established by the regional research centers or research compliance functions.
- All study activities will be conducted by individuals with appropriate training, education, including licensure and language competency. If this cannot be confirmed, explain:

#### **16. Additional Approvals/Ancillary Reviews**

N/A