

Reviewer comment-2

Thank you for giving me opportunity of reviewing the manuscript JSWWP-159. Yes, the focus on mental health and suicide prevention within the military is timely, relevant, and necessary.

Please provide your comments regarding the appropriateness of different sections of the manuscript.

There needs to be some citations in the introduction, especially where there are assertions of specific information that would not be considered generalized knowledge (such as suicide risk, adverse psychological consequences, etc.)

The authors introduce the gatekeeper philosophy but give too little background and do not tie in this philosophy very well to the work they are doing or the research project. This area also needs citations. Add some demographic information about the participants. In Theme 1 it will be helpful to discuss what the mixed reactions from participants regarding applicability. It may be helpful for readability to make the pie chart black and white and reduce the words on the actual chart. Maybe have just the pie chart and then have a discussion below the chart with the quotes (could even be in a table format). As it is now it is very hard to read the pie chart.