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RE: Manuscript Title:

Creating P.R.E.S.E.N.C.E.: A Trauma-Informed Framework for Restoring Balance in Public Health Systems

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Dear Miss Sipra and Reviewers,

Thank you for the thoughtful and detailed reviews of this manuscript. I appreciate the time and care taken to evaluate the paper and the constructive guidance offered. I have revised the manuscript extensively in response to the reviewers' comments. Below, I outline how each concern has been addressed. All changes have been incorporated into the revised manuscript.

Response to Reviewer 1

I am grateful for Reviewer 1's careful reading of the manuscript and for the recommendation to accept with minor revisions. The suggestions were helpful in strengthening the clarity, structure, and scholarly presentation of the work.

1. Lack of a formal abstract

A structured abstract (200–250 words) has now been added. It summarizes the context, objectives, conceptual framework (P.R.E.S.E.N.C.E.), and implications for public health practice and policy.

2. Title length and clarity

The title has been refined to better convey the conceptual and practical contribution of the manuscript while retaining its central focus on trauma-informed public health.

3. Tone shifts between academic and advocacy language

The manuscript has been carefully edited to maintain a consistent academic tone. Emotive and rhetorical phrasing has been revised or replaced with neutral, scholarly language, while preserving the core conceptual and ethical arguments.

4. Structural clarity

Clear section headings have been added, including:

- Introduction: From Mechanistic Models to Living Systems
- Conceptual Foundations of CREATING P.R.E.S.E.N.C.E.
- Implementing Trauma-Responsive Organizational Practice
- Implications for Public Health Policy and Practice
- Conclusion

This restructuring improves readability and logical flow.

5. Clarification of objectives

The Introduction now includes an explicit statement of purpose and situates the manuscript as a conceptual Mini-Review intended to integrate trauma science, organizational theory, and public health practice.

6. Empirical grounding and recent literature

While the article remains conceptual by design, additional references (including recent literature from 2021–2025) have been added to strengthen grounding in trauma-informed public health, organizational psychology, and complex systems. In-text citations have been added where needed, and references have been updated for APA consistency.

7. Conclusion and implications

The Conclusion has been revised to more clearly summarize key arguments and to articulate implications for public health systems, policy, and practice.

Response to Reviewer 2

I appreciate Reviewer 2's comments and concerns regarding framing, structure, and scholarly support. The manuscript has been substantially revised to address these issues.

1. Classification as an editorial rather than a research article

The manuscript has been clearly framed as a **Mini-Review / conceptual article**, consistent with the journal's accepted article types. The Introduction now explicitly states the article's purpose as a conceptual integration of trauma science, organizational systems, and public health practice.

2. Strength of the connection between P.R.E.S.E.N.C.E. and public health

The public health relevance of the framework has been strengthened throughout the manuscript, particularly in: the Introduction, the sections on organizational systems as determinants of population health, and the Policy and Practice Implications section. These revisions clarify how trauma-responsive organizational functioning directly influences population-level health outcomes.

3. Absence of an abstract

A structured abstract has now been added.

4. Citations and reference diversity

Additional in-text citations have been included in sections previously lacking references. The reference list has been expanded to include a broader and more recent research base beyond the author's prior work, with attention to trauma-informed public health, resilience, organizational behavior, and ethics.

5. Language, grammar, and punctuation

The manuscript has undergone a full editorial review for clarity, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure.

6. Novelty of contribution

The revised manuscript clarifies the novel contribution of the work as an integrative framework that bridges trauma science, living-systems theory, and public health organizational practice. While not an empirical intervention study, the framework offers a new synthesis intended to support trauma-responsive and trauma-resilient public health systems.

I appreciate the opportunity to revise this manuscript and believe that the changes have substantially strengthened its clarity, rigor, and relevance. Thank you again for your careful review and consideration.

Sincerely,



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