

## **Reviewer comment-1**

Addressing systemic barriers to field education in rural community social work programs is extremely important for the scientific community.

Although the title is suitable, it is somewhat misleading. The crux of the article is about the specific barriers present in the delivery of field education in rural communities, the field without borders program could be more fully described.

The introduction, materials and methods and results sections are clear and comprehensive. In the discussion section more detail could be given regarding the Field without Borders program. Are there current rural programs utilizing any aspects described in the article? Are there states within the U.S. that may be in the process of implementing this program? The conclusion indicates that further exploration is warranted regarding implementation, but this article seems more focused on fully describing the conditions of field programs in rural communities rather than a comprehensive description of the Field without Borders program. Is there an exemplary program in an HBCU?