## Additional File 7: Recommendations for Reporting Group Model Building Projects and Core Components

Construct (1)	Sub-Construct (1)	Characteristics to be reported (1)	Exemplar constructs to add, proposed adaptations to Rouwette et al. (2002) based on implementation science frameworks, literature
		text	
Geography		- Continent - Country - State - City	<ul> <li>Rurality</li> <li>Physical environment/landscape/resources (2)</li> <li>Transportation infrastructure (2,3)</li> <li>Environmental pollution</li> <li>Community</li> </ul>
Organization Characteristics			Note: When multiple organizations involved, as is common in implementation efforts, reporting should include each organization involved. Depending on the implementation effort, reporting at the level of the community or service system (e.g., child welfare, hospital) may also be appropriate, in addition to organizations or instead of the organizational unit. When reporting on community or service system characteristics, organization characteristics may not be appropriately aligned and may require tailoring (e.g., staffing processes may be tailored to "community partner recruitment process"). Other constructs, such as culture, may still apply.
	Structure	<ul> <li>Functional</li> <li>Team-based</li> <li>Network</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Personnel hierarchy (e.g., leadership, middle management, team leaders, service providers) (4,5)</li> <li>Inter-organizational networks (4,5)</li> <li>Intra-organizational networks (relational connections) (5,6)</li> <li>Physical Infrastructure (6)</li> <li>Information technology infrastructure (6)</li> <li>Work infrastructure (6)</li> </ul>
Organization Characteristics (continued)	Туре	<ul> <li>Profit (production, services, distribution)</li> <li>Non-profit (e.g., teaching)</li> <li>Governmental level (national, state, county, city)</li> <li>Governmental type (defense, finance, economic affairs)</li> </ul>	- Non-profit (e.g., advocacy)
	Size	<ul> <li>Number of people employed</li> <li>Estimated (financial) returns</li> </ul>	
	Processes		<ul> <li>Staffing processes (5)</li> <li>Policies and procedures (4,5)</li> <li>Funding/Contracting (4,5)</li> <li>Fidelity monitoring (4,5)</li> <li>Communications (6)</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Tension for change (6)</li> <li>Leadership (5,8,9)</li> <li>Climate (7,8)</li> <li>Local attitudes, sociocultural values, beliefs (2,4,6)</li> <li>Human Equality-Centeredness (6)</li> <li>Beliverer-Centeredness (6)</li> <li>Deliverer-Centeredness (6)</li> <li>Learning- Centeredness (6)</li> <li>Learning- Centeredness (6)</li> <li>Critical Incidents (3,6)</li> <li>Partnerships and Connections (including community members, other organizations, knowledge brokers) (6,10–12)</li> <li>Policies and laws (2,3,13,14)</li> <li>Financing (6,15)</li> <li>External Pressure (3,6)</li> <li>Ethical (2)</li> <li>Legal (2)</li> </ul>
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- Legal (2)
- Socio-economic (2)
- Epidemiological (2)
Inner Context - Compatibility
- Relative Priority
implementation - Incentive Systems
and/or delivery of - Available Resources
an innovation (6)
Problem
Analytical - Situation uniqueness
- Consequentiality (severity, duration of
problem impacts)
- Precursiveness (impact on subsequent
decisions)
- Number and diversity of interests
involved
- Openness to alternatives (whether - Openness to alternatives: Opportunities for first-time or revisited decisions
decisions already made and finalized) (16–18)
Social - Degree/Pressure of influence - Inter-organizational networks (4.5)
- External Pressure - External Pressure:
- Imbalance of pressure between different - Influence of other implementing sites (6)
sources - Market (6)
- Performance (3.6)
- Political (2,3)

	- Contention of objectives (whether	
	sources of influence attempting to	
	influence in opposite directions)	

Mechanisms "process of the intervention itself" (1)			
"process or event through which an implementation strategy operates to affect desired implementation outcomes" (19)			
Activities that "must be tracked to link the elements and processes to outcomes"			
Pre-Project (Prepare	ation)		
	Initiation of Contact	- Modeling team or client organization	- Researchers, community members, or funders
	Expectations	- Client's initial expectations	- Project or policy vision (14,20)
	and goals of	- Project goals (more insight, make	- Leadership buy-in (9,21)
	project	decision, implement results, testing	- Resource allocation (6,22)
		proposed strategies/policies)	- Hybrid (23)
		<ul> <li>Top management support level</li> </ul>	
	Research/Mod	- Exploratory	- Effectiveness (24)
	eling question	- Explanatory	- Implementation (25)
	type	- Descriptive	- Implementation Process (e.g., planning, tailoring strategies, adapting)
		- Prescriptive	(6,18,26)
			- Hybrid 10/29/24 7:21:00 AM
			- Innovation- specific: (6)
			- Evidence base
			- Relative advantage
			- Adaptability
			- Complexity
			- Cost (6,28)
	Participating	<ul> <li>Who/how team composition selected</li> </ul>	- Community/organization-academic partnerships (4,5)
	Management	(client, consultant, both)	- Diversity with respect to demographics (e.g., race, ethnicity, age, experience),
	Team	- Size	social and/or organizational/system power, professional or community-based
	Composition	<ul> <li>Composition and heterogeneity of team</li> </ul>	roles (6,29,30)
		(characteristics, roles)	- Innovation adopter (e.g., clinicians, practitioners) characteristics (4,5)
		- Official gatekeeper	- Implementation champions (31,32)
	Modeling team	- Size	- Training
		<ul> <li>Roles (facilitator, recorder, content</li> </ul>	- Role in community-academic partnership
		coach, process coach)	- Experience
Model-building meetings (Sessions)			
	Meetings and	<ul> <li>Number of meetings and average</li> </ul>	- Time invested by modeling and facilitation team for preparation
	time	duration	- Time elapsed between modeling sessions
	investment	<ul> <li>Total time invested by participants</li> </ul>	- Participant attrition

	- Total time invested by modelers	- Implementation phase(s) during which modeling conducted
	- Total time span of modeling project	- Implementation phase(s) for which modeling intended to support/target
	(initial contact to project close)	
Meetings and	- Stages of model building that involved	
time	participants; extent of participation	
investment	(marginal $\rightarrow$ fully)	
(continued)	<ul> <li>Extent and type of modeling work done</li> </ul>	
	with and without participants	
Model and m	odeling procedure	
Introduction	to - Type of introduction to system	- Whether health-related or non-health related simulations used to introduce
system	dynamics given	system dynamics thinking
dynamics:	- Whether "management flight	- When in project introduction given
	simulators" used to introduce system	<ul> <li>System dynamics concepts reviewed</li> </ul>
	dynamics thinking	- References shared
		- Modality of introduction (e.g., didactic, lecture)
Modeling	- Type and process of modeling (flow	- Scripts or other research activities conducted with participants to check
Process:	diagrams, causal loop diagrams.	structural and face validity (1.33.34)
	quantitative modeling simulation)	
	- How policies (e.g. potential real-world	
	interventions) assessed	
	Modeling software used	
Model:		Sizo (25):
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	- Dynamic complexity (number of	- Computer me size
	reeuback loops)	- Number of stocks, nows
		- Rey reeuback loop(s): Variables, stories
		- Model boundary
		- Number of variables
		- Implementation:
		- Actors (25,36)
		- Actions/ interventions/strategies (36,37)
		- Targets (19,25,36)
		- Context (36,38,39)
		- Time (35,36)
		- Innovation(s) modeled
		- Assumptions (35)
		- Implementation theory, model, or framework (25,40,41)
Elicitation of	Mental Models	
Sources of	- Sources besides participants' mental	- Secondary documents (e.g., contracts, bills, laws, meeting minutes, reports)
information	models	
Process of	- Pre-meeting interviews	- Whether scripts tailored, adapted, or new
eliciting	-	

	knowledge from participants Facilitation	<ul> <li>Preliminary model or model built from scratch</li> <li>Specific group processes used? (e.g., nominal group technique, Delphi)</li> <li>Specific scripts (e.g., feedback elicitation)</li> <li>Questionnaires or workbooks used</li> <li>Degree of facilitators' neutrality (e.g., positionality)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Satisfaction with facilitators</li> <li>Effectiveness of facilitators (42)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Degree to which participants perceived facilitator as skilled</li> </ul>	
Practical processes			
	Logistics	<ul> <li>Where meetings held (in or away from organization)</li> <li>Room design, layout</li> <li>Materials (whiteboard, computer)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Where meetings held:         <ul> <li>Physical location</li> <li>Virtual, in-person</li> <li>Materials: paper, sticky notes, software (e.g., modeling)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Follow-up		-	
	Official Report	- Whether given	<ul> <li>Report characteristics (43):</li> <li>Information within</li> <li>Dissemination method(s) and format (e.g., presentation, PDF)</li> <li>Who has access</li> </ul>
	Other		
	Dissemination efforts		<ul> <li>Focal audience(s) (43,44)</li> <li>Format/Product (e.g., social media post, website)</li> <li>Modality (e.g., virtual, in-person, web-based)</li> <li>Frequency of release (e.g., one-time, quarterly)</li> <li>Benefits reported (clinical, community, economic, policy) (43)</li> <li>Purpose (e.g., educate, shape policy design or implementation, persuade) (43,45)</li> </ul>
Outcome			omes
	Sample (data source)	<ul> <li>Modeling team</li> <li>participants</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Innovation recipients</li> <li>Implementers</li> <li>Leadership/Middle managers</li> </ul>
	Data Collection Methods	<ul> <li>Interviews</li> <li>questionnaires</li> <li>(in)formal observations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Questionnaires:</li> <li>Qualitative</li> <li>Quantitative</li> <li>Mixed-methods</li> <li>Secondary data (e.g., administrative)</li> <li>Mobile (or other technology-based) (46)</li> <li>Focus groups</li> </ul>

Assessment	<i>e.g.,</i> Pre, Post, during	During:
Timing		<ul> <li>Modeling sessions</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Course of modeling project</li> </ul>
Variables	- Distal outcomes (shifts in participants'	- Anticipated Implementation (6)
collected	perceptions of problem, system	- Actual Implementation (25,47)
	changes)	- Process variables:
	<ul> <li>Process variables (participant</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acceptability of modeling project elements (e.g., scripts)</li> </ul>
	satisfaction)	- Decision quality
		<ul> <li>Decision experience quality</li> </ul>
Variable Types	- Individual	- Implementation (25,47)
	- Group	<ul> <li>Innovations adopted and considered (25,47)</li> </ul>
	- Organization	- Service (25)
	- Method	- Client Outcomes (25)
		- Policy (13,14)

+ recommended but not required as part of Rouwette et al (2002) basic reporting guidelines due to measurement burden on modeling team and participants

Note: Information in the first three columns was taken verbatim from Rouwette et al. (2002) or slightly altered for brevity or consistency; Italicized text and column four (furthest right) were added by current authors.

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