

Charlie Hall Upstate Warrior Solutions 3 Caledon Court, Suite C Greenville, SC 29615

Re: AWP Community Integration Audit Results

Dear Mr. Hall:

America's Warrior Partnership has completed its program audit on Upstate Warrior Solution (UWS) use of Community Integration grant funding and program deliverables for Year 1 of the Community Integration Initiative.

Our findings include a sound service being delivered to the Warrior population. Due to the "newness" of the operations, auditor noted several recommendations that may provide assistance as well as additional suggestions for good practice methods. Please review notes and **recommendations** compiled in the Community Integration Comprehensive Audit.

The financial audit identified compliance within budgeted items as well as match funds. However, there were some financial practices identified that require adaptation. Those financial practices are documented within the report as "Mandates."

### Mandates include:

- Every donation cash, check, in-kind, and credit card must be accounted for and the expenditure identified.
- The AWP grant funds must me fully matched and expended by the end of the grant year within the approved program budget or budget reallocation approvals.
- All sub-grantees must expend their funding during communities current grant year.

Please provide documentation and practice that addresses the "Mandates" identified above by September 8, 2015. UWS Community Manager, London Dubois will monitor activity during this time and provide any assistance you may require.

We have found that your program is in alignment with our guidelines and is progressing according to the agreed upon schedule. We appreciate the dedication UWS has demonstrated to the Warrior community.

Direct questions you may have to Cheree Tham, <a href="mailto:ctham@americaswarriorpartnership.org">ctham@americaswarriorpartnership.org</a>, 706-631-6537.

Sincerely,

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Cheree M. Tham
Director AWP Community Integration



# COMMUNITY INTEGRATION COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT

Exhibit 1: Guide for Review of Grantees Receiving COMMUNITY INTEGRATION (CI) Funds

Name of Grantee: Upstate Warrior Solutions (UWS)

Grantee Staff Consulted: Charlie Hall, Chris McRae, Kevin McBride, Jenna Grotler

Name(s) of

Jim Lorraine, President/CEO

**Date:** 6.16.15 &

Reviewer(s):

Cheree Tham, Director Community Integration

6.17.15

**NOTE:** All questions that address *requirements* contain the citation for the source of the requirement (i.e. RFP application, grant agreement). If the requirement is not met, America's Warrior Partnership (AWP) must make a finding of noncompliance. All other *questions* (questions that do not contain the citation for the requirement) do not address requirements, but are included to assist the reviewer in understanding the grantee's program more fully and/or to identify issues that, if not properly addressed, could result in deficient performance. Negative conclusions to these questions may result in a "concern" being raised, but do not constitute a "finding."

<u>Preparing for Inspection:</u> Before performing an inspection, the reviewer should be familiar with both the AWP Community Integration grant agreement requirements and the design and operation of the grantee's (also referred to as Community Group) program, particularly those areas that have been identified as outreach and engagement. Information that will assist in successful program evaluation includes:

- the Community Group's Metrics/Program Deliverables, monthly reports;
- the AWP CI Comprehensive Audit (CA);
- the grant agreement(s) for the project being monitored;
- the AWP CI Policy and Procedure Manual;
- the Community Group's grant budget and, if any, revisions;
- the Community Group's Community Profile Map;

• the Community Group's grant disbursements and requisite financial documents; and

• the Community Group's approved Request for Proposal (RFP) response and sustainability plan.

**File Selection and Sampling:** Expanded sampling aids in determining whether problems are isolated events or represent a systemic problem. The AWP reviewer should consider the following guidelines to select the specific files (active and/or inactive) that will comprise the review sample for evaluation questions that require a file review:

- Where feasible, initial file selection should be made using a random selection method.
- Consider expanding the sample to include a file or files from each staff person working in the respective program area being monitored.
- If problems were noted during the initial file selection's review, consider expanding the sample to include additional files with the same characteristics (e.g., same problem category, same staff person, same activities or other characteristics).

## **Evaluation:**

A. Program Progress  This section is designed to ensure that activities are being carried out in a timely manner and that the number of consumers served is consistent with the approved application.			
Item	Description	Score	
1	Is the number of consumers currently being served consistent with the program deliverable in the approved application? (Source: Monthly Report/Quarterly Report)	☐ 0 11% variance or more. ☐ 1 Within 10% variance. ☐ 2 No variance or exceeds variance and have already exceeded service number.	
2	Is staffing level proportionate with consumers served? (Source: Grantee RFP Program Budget and Interview)	□ 0 Lacking staff member(s), consumers served not proportionate to grant agreement (11% variance +). □ 1 Staffed according to grant agreement, consumers served proportionate to grant agreement (within 10% variance). □ 2 Staffed according to grant agreement, (zero variance).	

## **Overall Remarks:**

UWS monthly goal for Outreach and Engagement is 131 Post 9/11 Warriors. UWS metrics are consistent with the agreed grant agreement. However, UWS continues to be focused on the Warriors who experience a complexity of need (i.e. homeless, unemployment).

**Recommendation:** UWS diversify their Warrior population to actively seek and engage all Warriors regardless of level of "need."

UWS has 5 FTE, 12 PTE, 1 Intern (Human Services- Greenville Tech) and 1 Mission Continues that are tasked to conduct Outreach and Engagement. All staff receive staff training; wear multiple hats and have specialty areas of expertise. All staff are given goals/objectives to reach in regards to Outreach and Engagement. Staff are currently not meeting their Outreach and Engagement metrics; Follow Up continues to require additional training. **Recommendation:** Organizational structure is set up to support clear lines of supervision/communication. Use the organizational structure to provide weekly supervision to Outreach/Engagement staff. Supervisors have a responsibility to:

- ensure that Outreach/Engagement staff are diversifying their Warrior population,
- completion of staff individual goals/objectives
- monitor/execute appropriate follow-up being conducted
- provide a space to discuss concerns Outreach/Engagement staff are experiencing,
- monitor the level of complexity Outreach/Engagement staff are experiencing on a weekly basis

\*Note: Supervision can be done individually or through a weekly meeting. However, if Supervision is conducted collectively, the meeting agenda is concrete in terms of how Warriors staff work with their Warriors, Warrior stories, and where a Warrior is on their journey. This type of meeting is meant to be "in the moment" planning to triage Warrior immediate needs in order for them to move further on in their journey.

#### B. Overall Management Systems/Structure This section is designed to assess grantee's overall management system and structure to ensure compliance with program requirements and achievement of program goals. Item Description Score 0 No written policies and 1 Does the grantee have written procedures describing procedures and/or missing policies and scope and delivery of services including description of the procedures. AWP Community Integration Initiative, program goals, 1 Policies and procedures written. 2 Policies and procedures welldescription of services to be provided, identification of organized, clear and thorough. Policies population to be served? Describe and cite source and procedures are easily accessible to documentation. (Source: Grantee Policy and Procedures manual, all Community Organization Staff, grantee program handbooks, grantee program brochures) reviewed often.

	<b>Notes:</b> UWS Education Program Development, Peer Mentor Support Program, Veteran Treatment Court, UWS Policy and Procedural Manual all include description of AWP Community Integration Initiative. The execution of the above P&P establishes a clear path to diversify and support the Warrior population in Greenville.	
2	Describe how the grantee obtains input from consumers served and other community stakeholders. Does the grantee utilize input to improve performance of the program? (Source: satisfaction surveys, demonstration of participation in advisory groups, conferences, presentations to stakeholders, suggestion boxes, strategic planning documents, sub grantee applications)	standard practice in place to get input from consumers or community stakeholders.  1 Grantee has an internal survey consumer to get input. Grantee obtains input from stakeholders.  2 Grantee has internal survey or focus group to get consumer input. Grantee holds quarterly meetings to obtain community stakeholder input and uses that input to enhance the AWP program.
	<b>Notes:</b> UWS does not currently have an official satisfaction from Warriors, their families, and the community. UWS use questions, to ascertain the satisfaction of the program. <b>Rec</b> a survey monkey with no more than 5 questions that is made has engaged. This practice will ensure that the process of their Warrior population.	survey to obtain feedback es the Quality of Life survey, 3 commendation: UWS develop de available to Warriors UWS
3	Does the grantee have procedures for preventing, reporting, and remediating critical incidents including incidents related to persons served? Critical incidents may include events involving injury, aggression or violence, suicide or attempted suicide, abuse, neglect. (Source: Grantee Policies and Procedures manual, copies of incident reports if relevant, documentation of staff training, interview)	□ 0 Grantee does not have procedure in place. □ 1 Grantee has policies and procedure in place for preventing, reporting and remediating critical incidents. □ 2 Grantee has a clear procedure in place and staff is aware of how to handle a critical incident. Grantee closely monitors risk as part of its regular operations.
4	Does the grantee have procedures for providing and documenting supervision of personnel delivering services to consumers? (Source: documentation of meetings or team meetings, records of competency based trainings, interview, grantee policies and procedures)	O Grantee does not have a procedure in place for providing and documenting supervision.  1 Grantee provides regular supervision and yearly employee evaluations.  2 Grantee provides regular supervision, yearly employee evaluations, and conducts trainings relevant to AWP services.
5	Are the duties for Community Integration Initiative personnel up to date and defined by job descriptions? (Source: current job descriptions)	0 Grantee does not have job descriptions or job descriptions do not match the job duties described.  1 Grantee has job descriptions that match the duties of the staff.

6	Does the grantee's governing body or board of directors have policies that include signed conflict of interest and ethical code of conduct declarations? (Source: Grantee Board Policies, or annual signed conflict of interest declarations, annual signed ethical conduct declarations, Interview, Board Meeting minutes)	□ 0 Grantee's board or governing body does not have polices related to conflict of interest and/or ethical codes of conduct. □ 1 Grantee is able to provide policies related to its board/governing body related to conflict of interest and ethical codes of conduct. □ 2 Grantee is able to provide policies related to its board/governing body related to conflict of interest and ethical codes of conduct. Policies are reviewed on a regular basis and provided to new board members.
7	Is the grantee's governing body or board of directors involved and invested in AWP Community Integration Initiative? (Source: Grantee Board Policies, or annual signed conflict of interest declarations, annual signed ethical conduct declarations, board meeting minutes, Interview)	□ 0 Grantee unable to demonstrate board of directors/governing body involvement and investment in AWP Community Integration. □ 1 Grantee is able to demonstrate the board is involved and invested in the AWP Community Integration Initiative through meeting notes. ☑ 2 Grantee is able to demonstrate that the grantee's board is extremely involved and invested in AWP Community Integration Initiative through meeting notes and active involvement in the AWP Community Integration Initiative.
8	Does the grantee have policies and procedures ensuring that confidential information, including records of persons served, is secure and protected? (Source: Visual observance, grantee policies addressing confidentiality, interview, demonstration of access to electronic records)	□ 0 Grantee does not have a clear written policy and procedure for protecting confidential information. □ 1 Grantee has policies and procedures written and implemented to ensure the security and protection of confidential information. □ 2 Grantee has policies and procedures written and implemented to ensure the security and protection of confidential information. Grantee staff received training on HIPPA standards and/or confidentiality training.

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UWS has clear and concise policies and procedures that govern their program and assure compliance with sub-grantees. Auditors did not review financials for sub-grantees but noted in Sub-grantee financial compliance policy is not included in current policy and procedures. **Mandate:** All sub-grantees must expend their funding during communities current grant year. **Recommendation:** UWS develop policy/procedure to ensure sub-grantees are expending their funding within the designated program budget and on track to expend funding in communities current grant year.

comp	This section is designed to assess the grantee's management of any sub-grantees to ensure compliance with program requirements and achievement of program goals.		
Item	Description	Score	
1	Does the grantee have a written policy and procedure that describes a management system for the oversight of its Sub-grantees? (If "yes," briefly describe below.) (Source: Grantee Application, interview, Sub grantee application)	⊠ 0 Grantee does not have a written management system for the oversight of its sub-grantees.*     ☐ 1 Grantee has a written management system for the oversight of its sub-grantees.     ☐ 2 Grantee has a written management system for the oversight of sub-grantees. Grantee conducts regular monitoring, including on-site visits with subgrantees to ensure that services are provided in compliance with the AWP program deliverables and the approved grant agreement	
2	Has the grantee executed written agreements with its sub-grantees to carry out program activities? (Source: Sub grantee application)		

		deliverables and the approve grant agreement.
2a	If the answer to "2" above is "yes," does the written work for the sub-grantee agreements contain sufficient descriptions of the types of outreach and engagement that would enable the grantee to effectively monitor the sub-grantees activities? (Source: Grantee Program Files and Interview, Sub grantee applications)	□ 0 Sub-grantee Agreements do not contain sufficient descriptions of the types of outreach and engagement that would enable the grantee to effectively monitor the Sub-grantee's activities.  □ 1 Sub-grantee Agreements do contain sufficient descriptions of the types of outreach and engagement that would enable the grantee to effectively monitor the sub-grantee activities. □ 2 Sub-grantee Agreements do contain sufficient descriptions of the types of outreach and engagement that would enable the grantee to effectively monitor the sub-grantee activities. The agreements include standards for
3 Over	Does the written agreement with the sub-grantee include statements regarding mitigation of conflicts of interest? (Sub grantee application, Grantee Program Files and Interview)	service delivery.  O The written agreements do not include statements regarding mitigation of conflicts of interest.  I The written agreements include statements regarding mitigation of conflicts of interest.  2 The written agreements include statements regarding mitigation of conflicts of interest. A process for handling conflicts of interest is also discussed in the written agreement.
UWS progr grant	provided a clear policy and procedure regarding managing aram (sub-grantee). However, the policy and procedure spectee and not multiple. <b>Recommendation:</b> Develop a policy/ped to all sub-grantees in order to manage the expectations of	ifically applied to one sub- procedure that can be

## D. Outreach and Targeting

This section is designed to assess outreach services as described in Grant Agreement, RFP and Playbook. Grantees must a) provide outreach services and use their best efforts to ensure that hard-to-reach Warrior families are identified, engaged and provided supportive services and b) outreach services must include active liaison with local VA facilities, State, local, tribal (if any), nonprofits, and private agencies and organizations providing supportive services to Warriors and their families in the area or community served by the grantee.

Item	Description	Score
1	Does the grantee's documentation show where outreach is conducted and the frequency of outreach activities? (Source: Grantee Program Files and Interview)	□ O Grantee does not have     adequate documentation of where     and /or when outreach is being     conducted to both community

		agencies and potential program consumers.   1 Grantee has documentation
		showing where outreach is being conducted and the frequency of
		outreach to both community
		agencies and potential program
		consumers.
		2 Grantee has documentation
		showing where outreach is being
		conducted and the frequency of
		outreach to both community
		agencies and potential program
		consumers. Grantee has a regular, consistent outreach schedule which
		is program leadership.
2	Does the grantee provide consistent outreach efforts in	0 Grantee does not provide
2		consistent and regular outreach in
	the community that target the populations identified in	community as identified in the grant
	their grant agreement? (Source: Grantee Program Files, Census	agreement. Grantee is not
	Data and Interview)	adequately targeting community
		agencies and potential program
		consumers. *  \times 1 Grantee provides consistent
		and regular outreach in community
		as identified in the grant
		agreement. Grantee is adequately
		targeting community agencies and
		potential program consumers.
		2 Grantee provides consistent
		and regular outreach in community
		as identified in the grant
		agreement. Grantee is adequately targeting community agencies and
		potential program consumers.
		Outreach activities are reviewed by
		program leadership.
3	Does the grantee provide outreach services to find and	0 Grantee does not
	engage Warriors and their families on a routine basis in a	demonstrate outreach services to
		find and engage Warriors and their
	variety of community venues? (Source: Grantee Program Files	families on a routine basis in a
	and Interview)	variety of community venues.  1 Grantee does demonstrate
		outreach services to find and
		engage Warriors and their families
		on a routine basis, but in limited
		community venues.
		2 Grantee does demonstrate
		outreach services to find and
		engage Warriors and their families
		on a routine basis in a variety of
		community venues.  O Grantee does not engage in
4	Does the grantee conduct and engage in outreach	outreach activities with the local
	activities with the local VA? (Source: Grantee Program Files	VA.
	and Interview)	1 Grantee conducts and engages
		in outreach activities with VA
		agencies including VA Medical

		Center, Warrior Benefits Administration, and Vet Centers.  2 Grantee conducts and engages in outreach activities with VA agencies including VA Medical Center, Warrior Benefits Administration, and Vet Centers. Grantee demonstrates a strong relationship with the local VA systems.
5	Does the grantee conduct and engage in outreach activities with State and local government agencies? (Source: Grantee Program Files and Interview)	□ 0 Grantee does not engage in outreach activities with State and local government agencies. □ 1 Grantee engages in outreach activities with State and local government agencies. □ 2 Grantee engages in outreach activities with State and local government agencies. Grantee demonstrates a strong relationship with the State and local government agencies.
6	Does the grantee conduct outreach to private agencies and organizations that serve Warrior and their families? (Source: Grantee Program Files and Interview)	□ 0 Grantee does not engage in outreach activities with the private agencies and organizations. □ 1 Grantee engages in outreach activates with private agencies and organizations. □ 2 Grantee engages in outreach activities with private agencies and organizations. Grantee demonstrates a strong relationship with the private agencies and organizations.
7	Is the population of consumers currently being served consistent with the target population in the approved application? (Source: Grantee RFP, Grant Agreement and Monthly Report)	□ 0 Grantee does not target consumers with the target population. □ 1 Grantee demonstrates the ability to effectively target the population in the approved application (within 20% of target) □ 2 Grantee demonstrates the ability to effectively target the population in the approved application (within 10% of target)

## **Overall Remarks:**

UWS reports several organizations they provide outreach through: United Way, Judicial System, Health Service agencies, Civic groups, Academic Institutions, Hospitals, GHS, Spartanburg Regional, AMed and Law Enforcement. UWS has several venues they are conducting outreach/follow up therefore, providing the opportunity for diversity amongst their Warrior population. **Recommendation:** There are several National Guard units in the catchment area as well as businesses where Warriors work, spread outreach/engagement efforts to all areas where Warriors concentrate. Continue to focus on all Warriors and not just those with complexity of needs. If a community group only focusses on Warriors with complexity of need, unemployed, homeless etc. the community will be unable to obtain their goal of 80% outreach and engagement. The majority of Warriors in a community fall within the median of the square.

This section is designed to assess whether consumer eligibility has been adequately documented.		
Item	Description	Score
1	Describe the process for determining consumer eligibility. (Source: Grantee Program Files and Interview)	□ 0 No eligibility policy and procedure and/or staff describes the procedure in an inconsistent manner □ 1 Vague written process of eligibility, little criteria. Staff describes the procedure in a consistent manner. □ 2 Well-written consumer eligibility policies with procedures for eligible and ineligible consumers. Staff can clearly and consistently describe the procedure.
	Notes:  UWS has a Policy/Procedure for Eligibility Criteria. The P&I information, documentation, and referrals/communication policy to reflect/include various levels of follow up.	
2	When a person served is found ineligible for services, does grantee have a process to:  • Inform the consumer as to the reasons  • Recommend alternative services  • Notify the referral source as to the reasons, if applicable  (Source: Grantee Program Files and Interview)	<ul> <li>✓ 0 Does not have a process for ineligible persons that notifies the consumer as to the reasons, recommends alternative services and notifies the referral source as to the reasons.</li> <li>✓ 1 Does have a process for ineligible persons that notifies the consumer as to the reasons, recommends alternative services and</li> </ul>

		notifies the referral source as to the reasons.  2 Does have a process for ineligible persons that notifies the consumer as to the reasons, recommends alternative services and notifies the referral source as to the reasons. The alternative resources provided to the consumer are related to the needs of the consumer and is a direct referral.
	<b>Notes:</b> UWS has a policy/procedure that clearly defines elictory Warriors not being eligible for other services, the policy Warriors are screened for appropriate programs and enroll <b>Recommendation:</b> A policy/procedure that ensures other	does not outline how ed in appropriate programs. programs Warriors are
	interested in, they are eligible and it is appropriate for then planning.	n at the time of their
w	Where does the grantee refer Warrior families who are determined to be ineligible to participate? (Source: Grantee Program Files and Interview)	<ul> <li>☑ 0 Does not refer to other resources consistently.</li> <li>☑ 1 Refers, but process is vague and not always tailored to the Warrior family needs.</li> <li>☑ 2 Thorough referring process complete with tools (like pamphlets) and direct referrals for ineligible applicants.</li> </ul>
	Notes: N/A	
5	Do the files reviewed adequately document that the consumer's DD214 are obtained. (Source: Grantee Program Files)  *** Not Applicable. UWS only requires DD214 when assisting Warriors in programs/benefits that require	☐ 0 Multiple files missing DD214 or files indicating dishonorable discharge or no Warrior in household.* ☐ 1 Few files missing DD214 but show request for DD214 and presumptive eligibility forms. ☐ 2 All files have DD214.
6	their DD214.  Do the files reviewed adequately document that the consumers are occupying permanent housing? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	□ 0 No documentation * □ 1 Clearly and consistently documented. □ 2 Clearly and consistently documented. With appropriate back up documentation.
7	Do the files reviewed adequately document that the consumers are enrolled in education? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	□ 0 No documentation * □ 1 Clearly and consistently documented. □ 2 Clearly and consistently documented. With appropriate back up documentation.

8	Do the files reviewed adequately document that the consumers are employed or unemployed? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	□ 0 No documentation * □ 1 Clearly and consistently documented. □ 2 Clearly and consistently documented. With appropriate back up documentation.
9	Do the files reviewed adequately document that the consumers are enrolled in the VA? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	<ul> <li>□ 0 No documentation *</li> <li>□ 1 Clearly and consistently documented.</li> <li>□ 2 Clearly and consistently documented. With appropriate back up documentation.</li> </ul>
10	Do the files reviewed adequately document that the consumers are enrolled in e-benefits? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	<ul> <li>□ 0 No documentation *</li> <li>□ 1 Clearly and consistently documented.</li> <li>□ 2 Clearly and consistently documented. With appropriate back up documentation.</li> </ul>
11	Do the files reviewed adequately document that the consumers are enrolled in WWP Alumni Program? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	<ul> <li>□ 0 No documentation *</li> <li>☑ 1 Clearly and consistently documented.</li> <li>□ 2 Clearly and consistently documented. With appropriate back up documentation.</li> </ul>
12	Do the files reviewed adequately document that the consumers are identified Post 9/11 Warriors? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	<ul> <li>□ 0 No documentation *</li> <li>□ 1 Clearly and consistently documented.</li> <li>□ 2 Clearly and consistently documented. With appropriate back up documentation.</li> </ul>
13	Do the files reviewed adequately document follow-up for each consumer at least every 3 months? (Source: Grantee Program Files/case notes)	
14	Do the files reviewed adequately document the exit criteria for each consumer? (Source: Grantee Program Files/case notes)	∅ 0 Case files do not adequately document exit from the program for each consumer.      ☐ 1 Case files do adequately document exit from the program for each consumer.      ☐ 2 Case files do adequately document exit from the program for each consumer .Exit documents outline goals that were established and met with Warrior signature.

## **Overall Remarks:**

UWS consistently obtains eligibility information via an Intake form. UWS then inputs the information gathered on the intake form into Vet Tracker (Information System). However, while the demographic information is obtained/captured, the follow-up and planning was not clearly documented. Reviewer conducted a random sample analysis of the Warriors that have been served. The overall findings include: Events not up to date or selected, case note not signed, plan not clear, follow up conducted in preparation for audit, case notes do not tell a story from start to finish (if applicable), varying levels of competency observed via support (i.e clinical, case management used **NOT** case coordination).

30 Warriors were randomly selected by reviewer to conduct an in depth analysis of the information obtained and documentation (ie. Reflecting outreach, follow-up and case coordination efforts).

The following initials are the individuals whose records were reviewed:

VR, KB, MW, AB, LT, JG, DC, DS, NP, MN, KL, DC, SM, DB, SP, GK, SA, TS, KS, AD, BC, SS, CL, DJ, JG, WG, BE, WM, ET, PC. The records reviewed reflected a mixture of staff who are working with them in order to ascertain the different levels of competency. The following staff members were associated with the randomly selected Warriors: Adam, Jonathan, Chris, Lee Eva, Derrick, Lee, Nate, Ryan, Theresa, Jenna, Charlie, Ben, Gavin.

Of the 30 Warriors randomly selected, 9 Warriors were contacted by reviewer.

Script: Hi my name is Cheree Tham and I am calling on behalf of UWS. I am calling to see if you have been satisfied with our services and if you have any feedback you would like to share.

- 1. KB- I'm biased my husband works for you guys. No feedback on services. They are great and awesome all the time.
- 2. JG- unable to contact, left voicemail
- 3. KL-I provided information. I wasn't a priority. I was a green and they have a system of green, red and amber. I spoke with them at a law enforcement event. And you are the only person has contacted me from the organization. Phone disconnected, reviewer unable to contact after attempt.
- 4. SP- I haven't used any services, I was working with David in Florida and he has been great for cycling events. *Warrior thought he was talking to WWP, when reviewer redirected to UWS he continued*...Oh, Chris and those guys are fantastic they helped me get a phlebotomist scholarship and with job placement.
- 5. SA- incorrect number (423) 6087153
- 6. TS- satisfied, no feedback for improvement of services
- 7. CL-phone number was to a centralized leasing office (864)991-0202
- 8. WM- left voicemail
- 9. JG- left voicemail

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consu	ımer needs assessments and ir	coordinati	ng the support	ive services	identified in the	
appro	oved application.			_		
Item					Score	
1	Describe the supportive serving the consumers. (Source: Grante		ated on behalf	all agree to consu  1 Gra agreed u consumo 2 Gra supporti needs as	antee is coordinating all upon supportive services	s to
	Type of Benefit/Service	benefit d Com Integra	will provide irectly using munity tion funds s/No)	cons obtaini through other o	nt will assist umers in ng services referrals to rganizations es/No)	
	VA Health care services (Physical)	Yes	No	⊠ Yes	☐ No	
	VA Health care services (Mental)	Yes	No	⊠ Yes	☐ No	
	Daily living services (ADL)	Yes	☐ No	X Yes	☐ No	
	Personal financial planning services	⊠ Yes	No	X Yes	☐ No	
	Transportation services	Yes	No	X Yes	☐ No	
	Income support services		No	X Yes	☐ No	
	Legal services,	Yes	☐ No	X Yes	☐ No	
	Does proper documentation exist for legal staff to rep. vets w/ VA claims process?	Yes	No			
	Child care	Yes	☐ No	Yes	No	

	Housing counseling, housing search  Educational Assistance/Support  Employment Assistance/Support  WWP Alumni  Outreach  Other: Peer Support  Other: Career Mentors  Other: Family Support  Program	Yes	No	Yes	No	
2	Describe the location where consumers takes place: Does materials, and staffing availa appropriate level of coordina Application, Interview and Visual C Map)  Notes: Refer to Section D "Co	the grantee ble to provid tion? (Source Observance, Con	have space, le the : Grantee mmunity Profile	services w materials 1 Gran services w materials 2 Gran services w materials services a coordinate the agence	antee is not coordinate ith the appropriate sand/or staffing. Itee is coordinating with the appropriate sand/or staffing. Itee is coordinating with the appropriate sand/or staffing. Granare flexible and in the community y dependent upon the consumer.	pace, pace, pace, tee
3	Is there a coordinated holisti with the active involvement didentifies:	c plan that is of consumer objectives to be used to implementa les and Inter	developed s served that o achieve the ation	does not id and/or ider goals, and/or ider goals, and/or ider those responsible methods/te goals, and responsible mesponsible goals, and in the second measurable methods/te goals, and in the second mesponsible mesponsible goals, and in the second mesponsible goals, and	olistic plan is directly overall goals, and on of specific measure egoals, and identifyin onsible for ation.  olistic plan is directly dentification of overadentification of overadentifics specific	ble les to rying able to g the

4	Do the files reviewed adequately document that	consumers on a regular basis and informs consumer. Supportive services provided and when a consumers should be exited from the program.
7	consumers were provided with referrals and related activities to help consumers obtain needed support services? (Source: Consumers Files)	adequately document the referrals provided and/or related activities to help consumers to obtain supportive services.  1 Files reviewed adequately document that consumers were provided referrals and related activities to help consumers obtain needed supportive services.  2 Files reviewed adequately documented that consumers were provided with referrals and related activities to help consumers obtain needed supportive services. Files reviewed documented whether the Warrior followed up with the referral.
5	Provide a list of the organizations with whom the grantee is working to provide services to consumers, such as Sub-grantees. (Source: Grantee Application, Quarterly Reports, and Interview, Community Profile Map)	□ 0 The list of organizations the grantee is working with does not include one of the following: mainstream services or VA services. □ 1 The list of organizations the grantee is working with is a comprehensive list that will provide supportive services to consumers, including VA services and mainstream services. □ 2 The list of organizations the grantee is working with is a comprehensive list that will provide supportive services to consumers, including VA services and mainstream services. Most of organizations are functioning as partners.
6	Do the files reviewed adequately document that consumers were provided with assistance in obtaining any benefits from VA for which the consumer is eligible? Including but not limited to the following:  • Vocational and rehabilitation counseling  • Employment and training service  • Educational Assistance  • Health Care Services  (Source: Consumers Files, Interviews)	□ The files reviewed do not adequately document that consumers were provided assistance in obtaining any VA benefits for which the consumer is eligible.      □ 1 The files reviewed adequately document that consumers were provided assistance in obtaining any VA benefits for which the consumer is eligible.      □ 2 The files reviewed adequately document that consumers were provided assistance in obtaining any VA benefits for which the consumer is eligible. The files also document

		whether or not the Warrior received the benefit.
7	Do the files reviewed adequately document that consumers were provided with assistance in obtaining and coordinating the provision of public benefits? Including but not limited to the following:  • Health care services (Physical and Mental health)  • Daily living services  • Personal financial planning services  • Transportation services  • Income support services  • Fiduciary and representative payee services  • Legal Services  • Child Care  • Housing Counseling  • Educational assistance/support  • Vocational assistance/support  • WWP Alumni Program (Source: Consumers Files)	○ The files reviewed do not adequately document that consumers were provided assistance in obtaining any public benefits for which the consumer is eligible.      ☐ 1 The files reviewed adequately document that consumers were provided assistance in obtaining any public benefits for which the consumer is eligible.      ☐ 2 The files reviewed adequately document that consumers were provided assistance in obtaining any public benefits for which the consumer is eligible. The files also document whether or not the Warrior received the benefit.
8	Are the supportive services being coordinated consistent with Community Integration Program Deliverables? (Source: Consumer Files, Grantee Application and Monthly Reports)	□ 0 The supportive services provided are not consistent with those described in the approved application. □ 1 The supportive services provided are consistent with those described in the approved application. □ 2 The supportive services provided are consistent with those described in the approved application. The supportive services provided are consistently and regularly reviewed by program leadership.
9	Does the grantee conduct on-going assessments of the consumers' supportive services needs and review the coordinated holistic plan with respect to expected outcomes? (Source: Consumers Files and Interviews)	□ 0 The grantee does not conduct on-going assessments of the consumers supportive services needs and/or does not review the holistic plan with respect to outcomes with the consumer.      □ 1 The grantee conducts on-going assessments of the consumers supportive services needs and reviews the holistic plan with respect to outcomes with the consumer.      □ 2 The grantee conducts on-going assessments of the consumer.      □ 2 The grantee conducts on-going assessments of the consumers supportive services needs and reviews the holistic plan with respect

		to outcomes with the consumer. The grantee modifies the holistic plan as new needs are identified or outcomes are completed.
10	Is the grantee modifying its strategies for Outreach and Engagement and for each applicable program deliverable based on reported barriers? (Source: Monthly Reports and Grant Application)	<ul> <li>□ 0 Strategies are not being modified</li> <li>☑ 1 Strategies are in the process of being modified.</li> <li>□ 2 Strategies have been modified and have been implemented.</li> </ul>
11	Is the grantee updating its Community Profile Map accordingly based on what barriers they have encountered in achieving the program deliverables? (Source: Monthly Reports and Community Profile Map)	<ul> <li>□ 0 The Community Profile Map is not being updated accordingly.</li> <li>☑ 1 The Community Profile Map has been partially updated.</li> <li>□ 2 The Community Profile Map has been fully updated.</li> </ul>

**NOTES:** UWS has a clear and concise policy and procedure regarding case coordination.

## **Overall Remarks:**

Reviewer indicated "0" on the majority of fields related to case coordination. The rationale for the "0" is from the observations of the randomly selected Warrior records. Reviewer observed inconsistencies throughout the various records. Some records were complete and indicated a plan, referrals, follow-up and close out, while a large majority did not capture all of the indicators through documentation that UWS had and maintained a relationship with the Warrior. Simply stated, if it is not documented, reviewer cannot deduce that a common practice across UWS is being conducted. **Recommendation**: Utilize supervision as a method of ensuring that all Warriors are receiving the same level of support, regarded in the same manner, and relationships are being developed and maintained. Supervisors ensure that Outreach workers workload is diversified amongst complexity of needs and low needs although follow-up will vary based on level of need, follow-up continues to need to be conducted appropriate to the Warriors journey. **Recommendation:** Utilize staff who are successful with their documentation as peer mentors to assist other staff with continuity of practice. Reviewer observed documentation that was completed varied from case management and case coordination. Recommendation: A clear understanding of Community Integration as a Case Coordination model and educating staff that case management is a model most commonly used with social service organizations.

G. Fin	G. Financial Management and Cost Allowability				
This se	ection is designed to review the grantee's financial managem	nent system and eligibility of			
grant e	expenditures. This section is designed to review the grantee'	s allocation of cost to verify			
that it:	s procedures comply with contractual obligations and progra	am budget.			
Item	Description	Score			
1	Does the grantee have written procedures for recording financial transactions, and a current accounting manual and a chart of accounts? (Source: Grantee policy manual, grantee interview)	□ 0 Grantee does not have written procedures or current accounting manual in place.* □ 1 Grantee has written procedures, accounting manual and chart of accounts. □ 2 Procedures are clearly written provides action steps; evidence of communication to relevant staff and review by staff			
2	Does the grantee maintain a policy manual covering the authority for approving financial transactions? (Source: Grantee policy manual, grantee interview)	□ 0 Grantee does not have a current policy manual in place covering authority for approving financial transactions. * □ 1 Grantee maintains a policy manual covering authority for approving financial transactions. □ 2 Grantee maintains a policy manual covering authority for approving financial transactions; there is evidence that manual is periodically reviewed by relevant staff.			
3	Does the grantee have written procedures regarding the maintenance of accounting records? (Source: Grantee Policy Manual)	□ 0 Grantee does not have written procedures regarding maintenance of accounting records.* □ 1 Grantee has written procedures regarding maintenance of accounting records. □ 2 Procedures are clearly written providing action steps; there is evidence of communication to and periodic review by relevant staff.			
4	Are the grantee's fiscal records and valuables secured in a limited access area? (Source: Grantee Policy Manual, Interview and Visual Observance)	□ 0 Grantees fiscal records/valuables are not secured.* □ 1 Grantees fiscal records/valuables are secured in limited access area. □ 2 Grantees fiscal records/valuables secured in area limited to access by relevant management and fiscal staff.			
5	Does the grantee identify expenditures in its accounting records according to eligible activities identified in the approved application? (Source: Grantee Program Files, Fiscal Records and Approved Program Budget)	☐ 0 Grantee does not have method to identify expenditures according to eligible activities identified in approved application. * ☐ 1 Grantee has accounting records that clearly identify expenditures identified in most			

		recent program budget.  2 Grantee has accounting records that clearly identify expenditures identified in most recent program budget. Grantee regularly monitors actual expenditures to compare with program budget.
6	Are charges to the program budget for salaries and wages, whether treated as direct or indirect costs, based on payroll documentation and approved by a responsible official(s) of the organization being monitored? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	□ 0 Grantee does not have documentation identifying payroll documentation. □ 1 Grantee has documentation of wages based on payroll that identifies employee, time worked in program budget, and deduction. Individual payroll has been approved by responsible staff. □ 2Grantee has documentation of wages based on payroll that identifies employee, time worked in program, and deductions that has been approved by responsible staff. Grantee provides evidence of periodic review of charges for salaries and comparison of actual services provided.
	<b>Notes:</b> Upstate Warrior Solution has in-depth policies and good stewards of organizations finances. Their accounting is on track and match. The policies are so detailed that cor Director may be difficult to achieve without delegation.	on quarterly disbursements
7	Are payments for employee salaries supported by timesheets indicating actual times? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	
8	If salaries are being paid from more than one source, do the fiscal records clearly define payments among the funding sources? (Source: Grantee Program Files)	∅ 0 Grantee does not have fiscal records defining payments among funding sources.     ☐ 1 Grantees fiscal records clearly define payments of salaries from each funding source through time

		that indicate time worked by each employee and clearly define programs for which salaries are being paid. Timesheets are signed by employee and supervisor and approved by fiscal staff.
9	Is there evidence in the financial records of any cash	0 Program files or financial
1	payments being provided directly to the consumers?	records indicate cash or gift cards provided to consumers.
	(Source: Grantee Program Files and Consumers Files)	1 Payments of cash or gift cards
		directly to consumers is not evident in financial records.
		2 Payments of cash or gift cards
		directly to consumers is not evident
		in financial records and procedures exist to mitigate ineligible expenses.
10	Do the disbursement requests match the schedule for	O Grantee does not have backup
	grant disbursement? (Source: Grantee Program Files,	documentation to support
	Quarterly Disbursements)	disbursement request. *  1 Grantee has backup
<u> </u>		documentation to support
		disbursement request.
		2 Grantee has backup documentation to support
		disbursement request and
		documentation linking expenses to CI program files.
12	Is there evidence that ineligible expenses have been paid	0 Program files or financial
	with CI funds (Examples of ineligible expenditures	records indicate ineligible expenses
	include, but are not limited to, costs associated with	have been paid with CI funds.  1 Payments of ineligible
	entertainment, contributions and donations, fines and	expenses are not evident in
	penalties, or general governmental and nonprofit	financial records.
	expenditures including salary and expenses of the chief	2 Payments of ineligible expenses are not evident in
	executive officer of the grantee.) (Source: Grantee Program	financial records and procedures
	Files and Approved Program Budget)	exist to mitigate payments of
	Pasammandation: Employees even these on part time ha	ineligible expenses.
	<b>Recommendation:</b> Employees, even those on part-time bacomplete timesheets. I advised for state labor law compliance of the complete timesheets.	
	those time sheets should be obtained. While there is a pol	
	donations, the policy is not complied. The use of unaccour	_
	cash use is not in alignment with policy or good financial pr	
	donation - cash, check, in-kind, and credit card must be acc	
	expenditure identified.	
13	Does a review of the grantee's expenditures indicate that	0 Financial records indicate
	costs related to lobbying political activities have not been	costs related to lobbying have been paid with CI funds.
	charged to the CI program?	1 Costs related to lobbying are
	(Source: Grantee Program Files and Approved Program Budget)	not evident in financial records.
		2 Costs related to lobbying are not evident in financial records and
		procedures exist to mitigate
		payments of these costs to the CI

		program.
Over	all Remarks:	
well a short fully	es are in place, but not fully complied. The current budge accounted for. <b>Recommendation:</b> Re-allocate the unexe fall such as media to support outreach. <b>Mandate:</b> The Amatched and expended by the end of the grant year with et or budget reallocation approvals.	ecuted funds toward a AWP grant funds must me
This s	olicy and Procedures ection is designed to review the grantee's policies and procedorogram requirements and achievement of program goals.	dures to ensure compliance
Item	Description	Score
1	Does the grantee have procedures that describe how outreach is conducted to target the populations described in the approved RFP application?	□ 0 Grantee does not have procedures describing how outreach is conducted. □ 1 Grantee has procedures describing how outreach is conducted. □ 2 Grantee has written procedures for conducting outreach; there is evidence procedures are communicated to and practiced consistently by relevant staff.
2	The grantee has written policies and procedures defining access to services that include:  • Where intakes will be conducted • How intakes will be conducted, • How internal referrals are conducted, • How to determine staff that is responsible for Warriors services, • Who is responsible for follow-up  (Source: Grantee Policy Manual, Grantee Program Files and Interview)	□ 0 Grantee does not have written procedures defining access to services or procedures do not contain all elements. □ 1 Grantee has written policies and procedures describing access to services that include all elements. □ 2 Grantee has written policy and procedures providing action steps; there is evidence of communication to and periodic review by relevant staff.
3	The grantee has policies and procedures that describe how case coordination is delivered to consumers that include:	□ 0 Grantee does not have written procedures describing how case coordination is delivered or procedures do not contain all elements. □ 1 Grantee has policies and procedures describing how case coordination is delivered that include all elements. □ 2 Grantee has written policy and procedures providing action steps; there is evidence of communication

		to and periodic review by relevant staff.	
5	The grantee has procedures regarding sharing of information with other individuals or agencies that includes identification of information to be shared and forms to authorize release of information that identify at a minimum:	□ 0 Grantee does not have procedures regarding sharing of information with other agencies. □ 1 Grantee has procedures in place for sharing of information with other individuals or agencies that contains all elements. □ 2 Grantee has written procedures for sharing information with other individuals or agencies that contains all elements; there is evidence procedures are communicated to and practiced consistently by relevant staff. □ 0 Grantee does not have written policies and procedures describing exit from CI program or procedures do not contain all elements. □ 1 Grantee has written procedures describing exit from CI Program that include all elements. □ 2 Grantee has written policy and procedures providing action steps;	
		there is evidence of communication to and periodic review by relevant staff.	
<b>Overall Remarks:</b> Reviewer reviewed policy and procedures that respond to the above information. The policy and procedures that are written are clear and concise and form a great foundation for supporting Warriors.			

<ol> <li>Names and Titles of CI Staff         Participating in Exit         Conference:     </li> </ol>	Jim Lorraine, President/CEO Cheree Tham, Director Community Integration
2. Names Grantee Staff in Attendance:	Charlie Hall, Chris McCrae, Kevin McBride, Jenna Grotler
<b>3. Discussion</b> (Highlights, including areas of disagreement, if any):	N/A