**Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Committee (DHHAC) Membership Composition**

**Membership Criteria**

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Committee (DHHAC) shall consist of at least 9, but no more than 13 members who represent the wide and diverse interests of deaf and hard of hearing (D/HH) constituencies. The DHHAC established membership composition criteria for the committee to ensure the diverse interests of D/HH consumer constituency groups are well represented and can include:

Individuals who are ‘Culturally Deaf’ and who use American Sign Language

Individuals who are Hard of Hearing

Individuals who are Late Deafened

Individuals who are DeafBlind

Individuals who are ‘Deaf At-Risk’

Professional Preparation and Continuing Education for DOR RCDs & staff

Experienced RCDs and other direct service providers

Employers and employment developers

Coordinators of post-secondary programs

Experts in the broad area of Assistive Technology

Executive Directors/Staff of community-based programs for D/HH citizens

Experts in the area of School-to-work Transition

Coordinators of ‘grassroots’ programs and services

Senate Bill 105 mandates that a majority of DHHAC members be D/HH. Members who are not D/HH shall have experience in services to the D/HH community.

DHHAC continues to actively recruit individuals of the D/HH community that can bring a diverse advocacy perspective to DOR and provide valuable information to advance services to D/HH consumers and the community as a whole.