Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

**Public Hearing Announcement** 

Pursuant to federal regulation 34 CFR 361.20 pertaining to public participation requirements in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) is conducting a formal public hearing to provide individuals with an opportunity to comment on changes in the agency's Order of Selection policies. This change is specific to redefining the terms "significant disability" and "most significant disability" in order to expand services to individuals who are blind, vision impaired, or deafblind with most significant disabilities so that in the event that the agency must close categories within the Order of Selection, individuals with most significant disabilities will be served first.

The text of the policy change and information in alternative formats is available upon request to Susan Davis Payne at <a href="mailto:susan.payne@dbvi.virginia.gov">susan.payne@dbvi.virginia.gov</a> or by phone at 804-371-3140 or toll free at 1-800-622-2511. Please request materials in alternative formats at least three days in advance.

The formal public hearing will be conducted on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 10:30 am until 11:30 am using virtual meeting technology. Meeting sites include five DBVI regional offices and the DBVI Headquarters:

DBVI Headquarters
Conference Rooms 1 and 2
397 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23227

DBVI Bristol Regional Office 111 Commonwealth Ave. Suite 200 Bristol, VA 24201

DBVI Fairfax Regional Office 11150 Fairfax Boulevard Suite 502 Fairfax, VA 22030

**DBVI Norfolk Regional Office** 

6325 N. Center Drive, Ste. 131 Interstate Corporate Center, Bldg. #18 Norfolk, VA 23502

DBVI Roanoke Regional meeting will be conducted in the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services Christiansburg office 8 Radford Street Christiansburg, VA 24073

DBVI Staunton Regional Office 1076 Jefferson Highway Staunton, VA 24401

Questions regarding the public hearing may be directed to Susan Davis Payne at <a href="mailto:susan.payne@dbvi.virginia.gov">susan.payne@dbvi.virginia.gov</a> or by phone at 804-371-3140 or toll free at 1-800-622-2511