Mental Health Steering Committee

# Workgroups

**Developing Useful Information Resources** – Create packaged presentations, tool kits, policy guidelines and facts sheets: e.g. why specialized training is important.

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**Licensing** – Address licensing roadblocks for Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Deaf-Blind providers.

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**Tele-Health** – Expanding Utilization of Tele-Health.

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**Seeking Financial Resources for Support** – Seek out possibility for private and public finance resources to support advancement of the goals & strategies in the strategic plan.

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**Representation Opportunities on Key Boards, Councils & Committees** – Identify appropriate Boards, councils, commissions that relate to the goals of the strategic plan; identify representatives who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind to serve; support the process.

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**Use of Technology to Increase Collaborative Partnership** – Explore and create communication vehicles (e.g. website, e news list-serve format, etc.).

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# Suggested Additional Resources:

* National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning (NTAC). *Cultural Diversity Series: Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Persons Who Are Deaf*, by A. Barry Critchfield, Ph.D., May 2002. Print.
* http://nad.org/issues/health-care/mental-health-services/position-statement-supplement
* www.adara.org
* www.mhit.org

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