**Program Design and Administration:**

**Values and Criteria**

**Capacity –** Ability of the program to ultimately fully meet the needs of the 12+ million population of individuals to be served.

**Consumer-driven –** Responsiveness of the program to the perspectives and meaningful direct input of the vision loss consumer community.

**Welcoming to populations outside our field –** Program is inclusive of the breadth and diversity of the consumer communities to be served.

**Equity –** Program design and administration at the federal level ensures consistency of service delivery quantity/quality across all states.

**Stewardship, Accountability, Discretion -** As designed and administered at the federal level, program holds public agencies accountable for use/distribution of public funds and guards the integrity of public agency performance while encouraging innovative discretion.

**Empowerment of private agencies –** Program design and administration ensures cooperation, flexibility and responsiveness in partnering with the primary entities expected to carry out direct service delivery, namely private agencies.

**Efficiency –** Program design and administration at the federal level minimizes bureaucracy and streamlines the service delivery process from authorization of initial funds to consumers’ successful achievement of desired outcomes.

**Specialization –** Effectiveness of the program in preserving and promoting the delivery of “specialized services” (roughly defined as frontline direct services provided by professionals possessing nationally recognized BVI-specific credentials).

**Connectivity and resource maximization -** Program design and administration at the federal level allows connectivity and interface with all of the service delivery structures and funding streams which, collectively, could maximize the delivery of the full array of services needed (e.g., physicians, allied health professionals, national public health systems, aging network participants, etc).

**Stature, Recognition, Respectability –** Program maintains an authorized prominence at the federal level relative to the array of structures and funding streams which arguably have a role to play in serving older people with vision loss.

**Science-based –** Program requires the deployment of meaningful measures, the consistent collection and evaluation of data, and the impact of findings on overall programmatic improvements.

**Continuity and growth to meet demand -** Program contributes to the availability of a highly qualified/specialized workforce of individual professional providers.

**Sizable and sustainable impact –** Program is scalable(in terms of funding, federal staffing, etc) to appreciably contribute to a fully built out national system that truly meets all identifiable needs.