October 23, 2013

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

E-mail: joeharcz@comcast.net

1365 E. Mt. Morris Rd.

Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on BSBP Employees

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This email is in response to your October 16, 2013, email request for information, received by this office on October 17, 2013. Please be advised that the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons is processing this request under the state’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq*.

You have requested information as described in your email as:

“I am writing you today for a complete list of all BSBP civil service employees who worked for BSBP during Fiscal Year 2013, (beginning October 1, 2012 ending Oct. 1, 2013). Note I wish for all full or part time employees.

The list should contain the following:

Name, position (civil service classification), and all wages paid to the individual during said fiscal year.”

In order to determine the extent of the research time, the size and number of records of nonexempt information within BSBP responsive to your request, a search must be undertaken. For this reason, it is necessary to extend the time for response, as permitted by Section 5(2)(d) of the FOIA, through November 6, 2013.

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If it is determined that there is a cost involved in the processing of this request, you will be sent a letter which will include an invoice outlining that cost (before or no later than November 6, 2013). This letter may either request a deposit (if the cost is over $50.00) or request payment of the total cost if the amount is under $50.00.

Please note that nothing within the federal American with Disabilities Act (ADA ), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (RA), as amended, or the state’s FOIA (MCL 15.231 et seq.) requires a public body to process FOIA requests free of charge. Further, while the ADA and Section 504 of the RA may mandate that, upon request, material be produced in an accessible format without charge, neither the ADA or Section 504 of the RA preclude a public body from charging costs under the state’s FOIA. Thusly, please note that no labor fee charges have been, or will be, assessed to convert existing, nonexempt public records responsive to your requests into an accessible format to forward to you.

Sincerely,

Carla Miller Haynes, FOIA Coordinator

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Attachment: Email Request for Information

cc: Edward F. Rodgers II

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From: joe harcz Comcast [mailto:joeharcz@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 2:36 PM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

Cc: BSBPcommissioners; nfbmi-talk@nfbnet.org; Zimmer, Mike (LARA)

Subject: simple request for bsbp civil service employees

October 16 2013 Request Rodgers All BSBP Employees and Info

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

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To:

Edward F. Rodgers, Director Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

I am writing you today for a complete list of all BSBP civil service employees who worked for BSBP during Fiscal Year 2013, (beginning October 1, 2012 ending Oct. 1, 2013). Note I wish for all full or part time employees.

The list should contain the following:

Name, position (civil service classification), and all wages paid to the individual during said fiscal year.

Moreover, as a blind person I request this information in accessible format pursuant to known obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

To wit just send me (without surcharge) this simple information as either a Word document or plain text enclosure to my e-mail address listed above.

I thank you in advance for your prompt and accessible response to this simple inquiry.

Cordially,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

Cc: NFB MI

Cc: BSBP Commissioners

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