November 1, 2013

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

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Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on SSA Reimbursements for FY13

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This email is in response to your October 24, 2013, email request for information, received by this office on October 25, 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 (also included below) as:

“I am writing you all today to request just how much BSBP was reimbursed last FY by SSA for successful closures.”

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 15, 2013, for your request.

If it is determined that there is a cost involved in the processing of this request, you will be sent an email which will include an invoice outlining that cost (before or no later than November 15, 2013). This email may

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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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Mike Pemble

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

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 3:52 PM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

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

BRIAN SABOURIN; Elmer Cerano (E-mail); MARK MCWILLIAMS; Marlene Malloy

Subject: ssa reimbursement and state plan info

October 24 2013 to Rodgers SSA Reimbursement and State Plan Info

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To: Edward Rodgers, BSBP

S. Michael Zimmer, LARA DSA

(Via E-mail)

Sirs,

I am writing you all today to request just how much BSBP was reimbursed last FY by SSA for successful closures. Now, as you might know data like this is required to be in public reports which you’ve both denied me in public including an accessible copy of the State Plan Supplement.

So give it up, without charge and in accessible format and/or post this information to the BSBP web site as Mr. Rodgers said was done in public but, in fact is not done to date.

Failure to remit this information in a timely and accessible manner and/or abusing the FOIA as you’ve done in the past is actionable and will be further evidence of your chronic, pervasive and malicious violations in documented fashion of my and, indeed all blind persons civil rights.

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

Cc: BSBP

Cc: RSA

Cc: MPAS

Cc: NFB MI

Cc: several media, legislators, and attorneys at law

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