February 14, 2014

Mr. David Robinson

E-mail: drob1946@gmail.com

818 Loomis Street

Jackson, MI 49202

Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on BSBP Commission Transcripts/Minutes and Reports

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This email is in response to your February 7, 2014, email request for information, received by this office on February 10, 2014. Please be advised that the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) is processing this request under the state’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq*.

You have requested information you describe as:

“I would like to request that your report to the advisory commission along with any additional reports from BSBP staff be forwarded to me in an accessible format for me. I would accept either electronic information in word or in braille. In addition, I would request that the approved minutes of meetings be sent to me as well. Likewise in an electronic or braille format.”

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 March 3, 2014, for your request.

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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 the cost (before or no later than March 3, 2014). This email 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

Sue Luzenski

Mike Pemble

Katie Belknap

From: David Robinson [mailto:drob1946@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 1:57 PM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

Cc: NFB of Michigan Internet Mailing List

Subject: request for reports and minutes

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

Having listened to the BSBP meeting of Friday, February 7, I was interested in some additional data. I would like to request that your report to the advisory commission along with any additional reports from BSBP staff be forwarded to me in an accessible format for me. I would accept either electronic information in word or in braille.

In addition, I would request that the approved minutes of meetings be sent to me as well. Likewise in an electronic or braille format.

This is just a request for public documents by a member of the public and not a FOIA request. My e mail is (drob1946@gmail.com) My address is 818 Loomis St. Jackson, Mi 49202.

Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

Cordially,

David Robinson