April 4, 2014

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

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Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on RSA-2 Report (Most Recent FY)

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This letter is in response to your March 27, 2014, email request for information, received by this office on March 28, 2014. 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 that you describe as per your email (which is attached).

“an accessible copy of BSBP’s RSA-2 Annual Cost Report (most recent fy)”

Your request is granted as to existing, nonexempt information in the possession of the Department. Please find attached to this correspondence a copy of the FY2013 RSA-2 Report.

The FOIA cost to produce this report is $7.84 (calculated by using $31.37 which is the hourly wage plus fringe benefits of the Department’s lowest paid employee capable of processing this request multiplied by the amount of time to process this request which is ¼ of an hour = $7.84). As this amount is below the Department threshold of $25.00 for charging costs involved in complying with a FOIA request, this FOIA fee is being waived.

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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

Attachments - 2: Email Request for Information & RSA-2 FY2013

cc: Edward F. Rodgers II

 Sue Luzenski

 Mike Pemble

 Katie Belknap

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

Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 11:54 AM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

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Subject: rsa-2 request bsbp rodgers

RSA-2 Request March 27, 2014

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Re: Request RSA-2 for BSBP, Not FOIA but Federal Requirement

To:

Edward Rodgers, Director

Mich. Bureau Services to Blind Persons

(BSBP)

(Via E-mail)

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

I am writing you today for an accessible copy of BSBP’s RSA-2 Annual Cost Report (most recent fy) in accessible format, for you know I am blind. To wit: submit it as either a plain text attachment or enclosure to my e-mail address listed above. Moreover, you should routinely have these critical and required documents posted to BSBP’s web site.

You are running a federally funded Vocational Rehabilitation agency and the public has the absolute right to know how you and your agency are expending these federal funds.

Thus I await prompt submission and compliance, and thank you in advance for same.

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

Cc: MPAS

Cc: RSA

Cc: CAP

Cc: BSBP “Commissioners”

Cc: MCRS