June 5, 2014

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 Disability Network SW in Kalamazoo

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This email is in response to your May 17, 2014, email request for information, received by this office on May 19, 2014, of which an extension was taken to June 5, 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 as described in your email (which is also below) as:

“Could you in simple English tell me precisely what the BSBP expentitures for the Disability Network SW in Kalamazoo (DTMB notations after signature line) were for?” Please see the attached email for this additional information.

Your request is granted as to existing, nonexempt documents pertaining to your request.

We estimate that the time to process this request is 4 hours. Section 4(1) of the FOIA, MCL 15.234(1), provides that a public body may charge a fee for public record search, including the mailing costs, the cost of duplication or publication including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion and separation of exempt from nonexempt information.

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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.

In order to complete the processing of your request, and based on the hourly wages and benefits of the lowest paid Department employee capable of performing the necessary tasks to process your request, we are requesting a deposit of $62.74 in order to begin the processing of this request. An invoice is attached that outlines the costs.

Once payment is received for the deposit, we will start the processing of your request. Once the process is complete, we will request payment for the additional amount of the actual cost of the request. When we receive this payment, we will send the information either to you via email or to you in the U.S. Mail on a USB flash drive (depending on the amount of material responsive to your request).

Sincerely,

Carla Miller Haynes, FOIA Coordinator

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Attachments - 2: Invoice & Request for Information

cc: Edward F. Rodgers II

Sue Luzenski

Mike Pemble

Katie Belknap

Leamon Jones, Diamalyn Gaston

Shannon McVoy, Marla Neubaum

Gwen McNeal, Cathy Cove

Wilda Haney, Leon Wilborn

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

BUREAU OF SERVICES FOR BLIND PERSONS

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT INVOICE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF REQUESTER:

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

E-mail: joeharcz@comcast.net

1365 E. Mt. Morris Rd.

Mt. Morris, MI 48458

REQUEST RECEIVED: May 17, 2014

TYPE OF REQUEST: Email

REQUEST PARTIALLY DENIED: No

EXEMPT INFORMATION WITHHELD/REDACTED: To be determined

EXTENDED RESPONSE NOTICE ISSUED: Yes to June 5, 2014

REQUESTED INFORMATION WILL BE: Emailed/Invoiced For Payment

ACCOUNT CODE: Index: 36200 PCA: 11343

DLARA CONTACT: Melvin Farmer, Central FOIA Coordinator

(517) 373-0194, Ottawa Building, 4th Floor, 611 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48909

The FOIA provides that the department may charge a fee to comply with requests for public records. The processing fee is composed of hourly wages and benefit costs of the lowest paid employee(s) capable of processing the request; the duplication of records at assessed costs per page; mailing costs; and other related special costs. Prior to searching and copying requested records, the department may request full payment or 50% of the estimated costs exceeding $50.00 with the balance required before mailing the records. Assessed costs are related to your request for:

“Could you in simple English tell me precisely what the BSBP expentitures for the Disability Network SW in Kalamazoo (DTMB notations after signature line) were for?”

INVOICE CALCULATIONS

LABOR

Locating and Duplicating Cost:

Number of Hours: 3.5 hrs. x Hourly Rate: $31.37 = Amount: $109.79

Examining and Extracting Cost:

Number of Hours: .5 hrs. x Hourly Rate: $31.37 = Amount: $15.69

TOTAL LABOR: $125.48

POSTAGE (estimate): To be determined based on the amount of information

DUPLICATING: Number of Pages (0) times Copying Rate of $0

OTHER (overtime, audio tapes, discs, photos, security, etc.): $0

SUBTOTAL: $125.48

Less waived indigency fee under FOIA Act MCL 15.234 Section 4(1)

INVOICE TOTAL: $125.48

DEPOSIT\* $62.74

BALANCE TO BE PAID\*: $62.74

Make check or money order payable to: STATE OF MICHIGAN

Remit to: Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Office Services Mailroom

7150 Harris Drive, PO Box 30015

Lansing, MI 48909

RETURN ORIGINAL COPY OF THIS INVOICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT

\*Please note that if a deposit is requested, the indicated amount is an estimate of the cost of complying with your request. The actual cost may vary somewhat from this amount.

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

Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2014 11:37 AM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

Cc: Luzenski, Sue (LARA); Christyne.Cavataio@ed.gov; BRIAN SABOURIN; Marlene Malloy MCRS Dir.;

nfbmi-talk@nfbnet.org; Timothy Beatty RSA; commissioner-hudson@outlook.com; BSBPcommissioners

Subject:

May 17 2014 Disability Network SW

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

1365 E. Mt. Morris Rd.

Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Joeharcz@comcast.net

To: Edward Rodgers, Director

Bureau Services to Blind Persons

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

Could you in simple English tell me precisely what the BSBP expentitures for the Disability Network SW in Kalamazoo (DTMB notations after signature line) were for?

These things should not be difficult to answer.

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

Cc: NFB MI

Cc: RSA

Cc: MPAS

Cc: MI SILC

Attachment:

Mi Transparency - Payments to a Vendor by Agency and Category

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DMB-Contact-OFM@michigan.gov.

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Payments to a Vendor by Agency and Category

Payments to DISABILITY NETWORK SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN by LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS for fiscal year 2014

Table with 4 columns and 15 rows

Agency Name

Category Description

Warrant Date

Payments Total

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/12/2014

$500.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/1/2014

$500.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/15/2014

$500.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/11/2014

$500.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/4/2014

$1,000.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/19/2014

$1,000.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/17/2014

$500.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

2/14/2014

$500.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

2/4/2014

$777.50

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

1/7/2014

$150.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

12/27/2013

$1,000.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

12/12/2013

$500.00

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

12/9/2013

$350.00

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Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

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$500.00

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