June 9, 2014

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

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Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on Anderson Bldg. - Petrilli

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This email is in response to your May 30, 2014, email request for information, received by this office on June 2, 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:

“Regardless I am again requesting from you all the temporary operator agreement for this BEP location with its terms and conditions…..Moreover, I am again requesting the names, salaries and positions of just who in the heck is working at “Cora’s Café”. Finally, as Mr. Rodgers himself stated in a recent press story the he thought, “four of the seven employees were blind” I wish to have those blind employees identified for the record.”

In regards to your request for the temporary operator agreement for Cora’s Café, your request is denied. To the best of my knowledge, information or belief, this documentation does not currently exist pertaining to your request. When such documentation does exist, we would be able to send you a copy.

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In regards to your request for names, salaries and positions of just who is working at “Cora’s Café”, Ms. Constance Zanger (in her May 30, 2014) email to you) indicated that Mr. Robert Essenberg and Ms. Amanda Newman are Business Assistance and Development Program (BADP) employees under BSBP and the only staff persons of which we would have any information on names, salaries and positions.

In regards to your request to identify those employees who are blind, your request is denied. To the best of my knowledge, information or belief, no such document exists that is pertinent to your request.

Under the provisions of MCL 15.240, Section 10(1) of the state’s FOIA, you may (1) submit a written appeal regarding the disclosure denial of any portion of your FOIA request to Steve Arwood, Director, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Michael Zimmer, Chief Deputy Director, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, MI 48909. Your appeal must include the word “appeal” and identify the reason(s) for FOIA

reversal of any disclosure denials; or (2) you may file an action in an appropriate court within 180 days after this notice. If you prevail in court action, the court may award you reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements. If the court finds the Department’s actions to be arbitrary and capricious, the court shall award you, in addition to any actual or compensatory damages, punitive damages in the amount of $500.00.

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

Rob Essenberg. Constance Zanger, James Hull

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

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 9:57 AM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

Cc: Luzenski, Sue (LARA); Zanger, Connie (LARA); nfbmi-talk@nfbnet.org; Christyne.Cavataio@ed.gov;

Marlene Malloy MCRS Dir.; BRIAN SABOURIN

Subject: more anderson questions petrilli

May 30 2014 Petrilli Questions

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To: Edward Rodgers, Director Mich. Bureau Services to Blind Persons

(Designated State Unit)

Michael Zimmer, LARA, DSA

Dear Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Zimmer,

I am writing today to inquire about the vendor payment to one Cathy Petrilli from the DTMB web site (note after my signature line for your convenience). I assume this payment was made for initial stock and inventory at the new “Cora’s Café) which is supposed to be a mandated facility for a blind BEP operator under Public Act 260. I assume that Ms. Petrilli is the so-called temporary operator that Ms. Constance Zanger alluded to in her rather vague (no names) response to basic information about this facility sent to me recently.

Regardless I am again requesting from you all the temporary operator agreement for this BEP location with its terms and conditions.

Moreover, I am compelled to point out that Ms. Petrilli is sighted and has a history of violating program rules in the past. (Not that that makes a difference to BSBP as it has done so over and over again along with stark and chronic violations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Public Act 260.)

Moreover, I am again requesting the names, salaries and positions of just who in the heck is working at “Cora’s Café”. Finally, as Mr. Rodgers himself stated in a recent press story the he thought, “four of the seven employees were blind” I wish to have those blind employees identified for the record.

You may simply respond via conventional e-mail to this request.

Thanks as always for your prompt and accessible response, in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

Cc: NFB MI

Cc: RSA

Cc: several state reps

Cc: MCRS

Cc: several media

Cc: MPAS

Cc: BSBP Commissioners

Cc: C. Zanger. BSBP BEP

Cc: EOC

Cc: S. Luzenski, BSBP Admin. Asst.

Attachment:

Source:

http://media.state.mi.us/MiTransparency/Vendor/Warrants?y=2014&v=CATHY%20PETRILLI

&a=641&g=Contractual%20Services%20Supplies%20and%20Materials&Column=WarrantDate

&Direction=Descending

Payments to CATHY PETRILLI by LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS for fiscal

year 2014

Table with 4 columns and 2 rows

Agency Name

Category Description

Warrant Date

Payments Total

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/15/2014

$2,250.00