August 15, 2014

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

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Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on Report and Management Plan for Career Development & Coordination of Services

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This email is in response to your August 9, 2014, email request for information, received by this office on August 11, 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 included below.

In regards to your request for the report stated in your email, your request is denied as to existing, nonexempt information responsive to your request. To the best of my knowledge, information or belief, this report does not exist.

In regards to your request for the management plan in your email, your request is denied as to existing, nonexempt information responsive to your request under the state’s FOIA, MCL15.243, Section 13 (1)(m). The documents are in an advisory form and preliminary to a final agency determination. The release of this information at this time would discourage frank and open communication between BSBP’s staff and management.

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

Lisa Kisiel

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

Sent: Saturday, August 09, 2014 10:19 AM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

Cc: Luzenski, Sue (LARA); Pemble, Mike (LARA); Kisiel, Lisa (LARA); Gary Gaynor; Joe Sibley MCBVI

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Subject: report requested

August 9 2014 Rodgers Request Report

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To: Edward F. Rodgers II

Director,

Mich. Bureau Services to Blind Persons

(Via e-mail)

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

I point your attention to the following quote from the Commission for Blind

Persons meeting February 7 2014:

“ MR. RODGERS: And one of the things we've

4 done that Lisa's part of is that we have created a

5 committee of members of the Training Center, the Business

6 and Development Program, the Voc Rehab Program, and the

7 BEP Program who are reviewing how all of this is done in

8 terms of career development and coordination of services,

9 and they will be presenting to me, I think the deadline

10 is in March, isn't it, Lisa?

11 MS. KISIEL: Yeah, March 14.

12 MR. RODGERS: They will be putting

13 together a report and a proposed management plan to

14 better improve those services.

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So I’m writing you today to request a copy of this report and management plan in accessible format which I’m certain you must have by now as the deadline for it was March 14, 2014.

Simply send me a Word or plain text copy of this report and management plan sir.

I thank you in advance, as always for your prompt and accessible response.

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

Cc: BSBP Commission

Cc: NFB MI

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