June 8, 2015

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

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Re: FOIA Response to Request for R. Mann Agreement

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This email is in response to your May 18, 2015, email request for information, received by this office on May 10, 2015, of which an extension was taken to June 8, 2015. 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 (your email request is below):

“I am writing you today to request the Temporary Operator’s agreement with Roxanna Jo Mann referenced in yesterday’s wonderful Lansing State Journal’s story about this BEP Licensee at the Capitol And Anderson building.”

Your request is granted as to existing, nonexempt documents in the possession of the department. Please find attached to this email, the requested agreement in Word and in a PDF version.

The cost to produce this report is $25.11 (calculated by using $33.48 which is the hourly wage plus fringe benefits of the Department’s lowest paid

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employee capable of processing this request multiplied by the amount of time to process this request which is 3/4 of an hour = $25.11). As this amount is within 11 cents of the Department threshold of $25.00 for charging costs involved in complying with a FOIA request, this FOIA fee is being waived.

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 Below – Email Request for Information

Attachments to this Email – 3 – Response, Agreement – Word Version, Agreement – PDF Version

cc: Edward F. Rodgers II

Sue Luzenski

Mike Pemble

Katie Belknap

Cheryl Heibeck

James Hull

From: joe harcz Comcast

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2015 9:30:13 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

Cc: Mike Pemble BSBP Dep. Dir.; Luzenski, Sue (LARA); Larry Posont NFBMI Pres.;

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To:

Ed Rodgers, Director

Mike Pemble, Deputy Director

Mich. Bureau Services for the Blind

\*(via e-mail)

Sirs,

I am writing you today to request the Temporary Operator’s agreement with Roxanna Jo Mann referenced in yesterday’s wonderful Lansing State Journal’s story about this BEP Licensee at the Capitol And Anderson building.

Moreover, as I’m blind I request this document in accessible format, in a timely manner and without surcharge as required by Title II of the ADA and Section 504 of the RA. To wit: send it to me as either a Word document, or a plain text enclosure to my e-mail address listed above.

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

Cc: several