

LORI GRIFA Commissioner

Complaint No. 2010-58

FINAL DECISION

June 28, 2011 Government Records Council Meeting

Louis Paul Toscano Complainant v. New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services Custodian of Record

At the June 28, 2011 public meeting, the Government Records Council ("Council") considered the June 21, 2011 Findings and Recommendations of the Executive Director and all related documentation submitted by the parties. The Council voted unanimously to adopt the entirety of said findings and recommendations. The Council, therefore, finds that:

- Pursuant to the GRC's holding in <u>Kelley v Township of Rockaway (Morris)</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2007-11 (Interim Order dated October 30, 2007), and <u>Kvederas v. Town of Morristown (Morris)</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2009-70 (April 2010), the GRC has no authority over whether the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services should maintain the requested record, nor does the GRC have the authority to decide whether Item No. 1 should be part of the Complainant's case file. Although the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services is in possession of Item No. 1, the Custodian has certified in the Statement of Information that it was not present in the file the day the Complainant inspected said file and the Complainant provided no competent, probative evidence to prove that it should have been present. Thus, the GRC declines to find that the Custodian violated OPRA because Item No. 1 was not included within the Complainant's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services file. Moreover, because the Custodian properly responded granting the Complainant access to the requested file, the Custodian could not have unlawfully denied access to the requested file, which was the record originally sought by the Complainant. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.
- 2. Pursuant to the GRC's holding in <u>Kelley v Township of Rockaway (Morris)</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2007-11 (Interim Order dated October 30, 2007), and <u>Kvederas v. Town of Morristown (Morris)</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2009-70 (April 2010), the GRC has no authority over whether the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services should maintain Items No. 2 and No. 3, nor does the GRC have the authority to decide whether said records should be part of the Complainant's case file. Moreover, the Custodian certified that Items No. 2 and No. 3 are not maintained by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Complainant provided no competent evidence to refute the Custodian's certification. Thus, because the Custodian properly responded granting the Complainant access to inspect the requested file, the Custodian could not have *New Jersey is an Equal Opportunity Employer Printed on Recycled paper and Recyclable*



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KIM GUADAGNO Lt. Governor unlawfully denied access to the requested file, which was the record originally sought by the Complainant. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-6.

3. The GRC declines to address the Complainant's assertion that the Custodian's statement that the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Disability Determination Services are separate divisions is erroneous because said statement does not relate to OPRA's statutory right of access to government records and is thus outside of the GRC's authority to adjudicate. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk's Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St., PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006. Proper service of submissions pursuant to any appeal is to be made to the Council in care of the Executive Director at the State of New Jersey Government Records Council, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 819, Trenton, NJ 08625-0819.

Final Decision Rendered by the Government Records Council On The 28th Day of June, 2011

Robin Berg Tabakin, Chair Government Records Council

I attest the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the Government Records Council.

Denise Parkinson Vetti, Secretary Government Records Council

Decision Distribution Date: July 12, 2011

STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Findings and Recommendations of the Executive Director June 28, 2011 Council Meeting

Louis Paul Toscano¹ Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2010-58

v.

New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services² Custodian of Records

Records Relevant to Complaint: Inspection of the Complainant's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services ("DVRS") case file, which is active from June 9, 2009.

Request Made: December 5, 2009 **Response Made:** December 18, 2009 **Custodian:** Wanda Rivera **GRC Complaint Filed:** March 22, 2010³

Background

December 5, 2009

Complainant's Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request. The Complainant requests the records relevant to this complaint listed above on an official OPRA request form.

December 18, 2009

Custodian's response to the OPRA request. The Custodian received the Complainant's OPRA request on December 10, 2009. The Custodian responds in writing to the Complainant's OPRA request on the sixth (6^{th}) business day following receipt of such request. The Custodian states that access to the requested case file is granted. The Custodian requests that the Complainant contact her to arrange a date and time to inspect the requested case file.

March 22, 2010

Denial of Access Complaint filed with the Government Records Council ("GRC") attaching the Complainant's OPRA request dated December 5, 2010.

¹ No legal representation listed on record.

² Represented by DAG Donald Palombi, on behalf of the NJ Attorney General.

³ The GRC received the Denial of Access Complaint on said date.

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The Complainant states that he submitted an OPRA request on December 5, 2009 to review his DVRS file because he had been informed by a secretary there that an original of a letter from Dr. Linda H. Albert, M.D. ("Dr. Alberts") to Mr. Thomas Jennings ("Mr. Jennings"), former Director of DVRS dated June 9, 2008 was received and should have been placed in the requested case file. The Complainant states that he contacted the Custodian and scheduled an appointment for 1:00 p.m. on December 28, 2009.

The Complainant states that based on his inspection of the requested file, the following three records are at issue in this complaint:

- 1. Letter from Dr. Albert to Mr. Jennings dated June 9, 2008.
- 2. Letter from the Director of Disability Determination Services ("DDS").
- 3. Hospital discharge papers attached to the letter from DDS.

The Complainant states that when he arrived to review the requested case file, he found that Item No. 1 above was not present in said file. The Complainant states that the Custodian advised that the Complainant should instruct his counselor to search for the missing letter.

The Complainant states that following his inspection, he sent a note asking the Custodian to retrieve request Items No. 2 and No. 3.⁴ The Complainant states that he never received a response to said note. The Complainant states that the records pertaining to a hospital visit on September 30, 2008 should not have been in the possession of DVRS. The Complainant asserts that the originals of the last two (2) records should be returned to the Complainant and no copies should be retained by DVRS.⁵

The Complainant does not agree to mediate this complaint.

April 26, 2010

Request for the Statement of Information ("SOI") sent to the Custodian.

April 28, 2010

E-mail from the Custodian to the GRC. The Custodian requests an extension of time to submit the requested SOI.

April 28, 2010

E-mail from the GRC to the Custodian. The GRC states that it will generally grant one (1) extension of five (5) business days; therefore, the GRC grants the Custodian an extension of time until May 10, 2010 to submit the requested SOI.

May 10, 2010

Custodian's SOI with the following attachments:

⁴ The Complainant did not provide a copy of the aforementioned note to the GRC.

⁵ The Complainant includes a history of his past dealings with various divisions within the State of New Jersey and an extensive background of his history with DVRS.

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- Complainant's OPRA request dated December 5, 2009.
- Letter from the Custodian to the Complainant dated December 28, 2009.
- Complainant's OPRA request dated March 9, 2009.⁶
- Letter from the Custodian to the Complainant dated March 23, 2009 with the following attachments:
 - Letter from Dr. Linda H. Albert, M.D. to Mr. Thomas G. Jennings, former Director of DVRS dated June 9, 2008 (unsigned copy).
 - Letter from Dr. Linda H. Albert, M.D. to Mr. Thomas G. Jennings, former Director of DVRS dated September 29, 2008 (signed copy).

The Custodian certifies that her search for the requested records involved obtaining the Complainant's case file from his DVRS counselor and making it available for inspection in its entirety.

The Custodian also certifies no records responsive to the request were destroyed in accordance with the Records Destruction Schedule established and approved by New Jersey Department of State, Division of Archives and Records Management ("DARM").

The Custodian certifies that she received the Complainant's December 5, 2009 OPRA request on December 10, 2009. The Custodian certifies that she responded in writing on December 18, 2009 granting access to the requested case file and requesting that the Complainant schedule an appointment to inspect the file.

The Custodian states that the Complainant inspected his DVRS file, as requested, and took issue with three (3) documents not present in the file.

Item No. 1 - Letters from Dr. Albert to Mr. Jennings:

The Custodian certifies that both the June 2008 unsigned letter and September 2008 signed letter were not present in the Complainant's case file on the day that the file was made available to him for inspection. The Custodian certified that these two (2) letters have been the subject of past OPRA requests submitted to DVRS by the Complainant. The Custodian certifies that on March 9, 2009, the Complainant demanded "without charge the return of all letters from June 9, 2008 to present showing Linda H. Albert, M.D. as the author, which she wrote and submitted to DVRS for the purpose of assisting [the Complainant] with obtaining an intake." The Custodian certifies that she subsequently provided the Complainant with copies of both letters under cover of letter on March 23, 2009.⁷

The Custodian contends that it is not clear why the letters were not in the Complainant's case file on the day of inspection. The Custodian asserts that it is possible that the letters were removed in the course of responding to the Complainant's previous OPRA requests and were inadvertently not returned to the case file. The Custodian

⁶ This request is not at issue in this complaint.

⁷ The Custodian provided a copy of the Complainant's March 9, 2009 OPRA request, her March 23, 2009 response and copies of both letters as part of the SOI.

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contends that nevertheless, the Complainant has inspected and previously received copies of the letters in question, which the Complainant himself provided to DVRS.⁸

The Custodian asserts that based on the foregoing, the Complainant was not denied access to any records and there has been no violation of OPRA. The Custodian certifies that the Complainant requested inspection of his case file and was provided with access to said file. The Custodian contends that the absence of the unsigned and signed letters from the Complainant's case file is not a violation of OPRA. The Custodian asserts that the Complainant previously asked that the letters be removed anyway, and now contests that they should have been present in the file.

The Custodian notes that by the Complainant's own admission, the letters predate the opening of his current DVRS case file by at least nine (9) months. The Custodian states that based on the foregoing, another plausible explanation for the absence of the letters is that they have not been incorporated into said file. The Custodian certifies that nobody knows precisely why the letters were absent from the file on the day the Complainant inspected said file; however, the letters had previously been provided to the Complainant, and the Complainant himself sent the originals to DVRS.

Items No. 2 and No. 3 – Letter from DDS with hospital discharge papers:

The Custodian states that the Complainant alleges he submitted these two (2) records to the Disability Determination Services ("DDS"), a division within the New Jersey Department of Labor ("DOL"). The Custodian certifies that DDS is responsible for making social security disability determinations on behalf of the federal Social Security Administration ("SSA"). The Custodian certifies that DVRS and DDS are two separate divisions within the DOL and do not intermingle work tasks. The Custodian certifies that based on the foregoing, there is no reason for these two (2) records to be in the Complainant's case file, and in fact, the records are not present in said file.

The Custodian states that in the Denial of Access Complaint, the Complainant takes issue with the absence of these two (2) records from his case file. The Custodian states that the Complainant argues that the originals should be returned to him and that all copies be destroyed. The Custodian certifies that the two (2) records at issue never were in the Complainant's case file and that no employees within DVRS would know of the existence of the records if not for the Complainant's constant references to them. The Custodian reiterates that there has been no violation of OPRA.

June 17, 2010

Complainant's response to the SOI.

Item No. 1 - Letters from Dr. Albert to Mr. Jennings:

The Complainant admits that the Custodian previously returned to the Complainant the requested letter dated September 29, 2008. The Complainant notes that

⁸ The Custodian did not indicate the specific date upon which the Complainant provided the letter at issue to DVRS.

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he was correct in assuming that DVRS kept a copy of such letter as one is included in the SOI. The Complainant further questions why DVRS is in possession of either letter because Dr. Albert played no role in DVRS case reopening.

The Complainant contends that he again confirmed with a secretary at DVRS that the letter was received in June 2008. The Complainant alleges that this date is important because Mr. Jennings could have ordered the unsigned letter to be destroyed prior to leaving DVRS on August 1, 2008.

Items No. 2 and No. 3 – Letter from DDS with hospital discharge papers:

The Complainant states that regarding the requested letter from DDS and the hospital discharge papers, the Custodian is not telling the truth when she states that DDS and DVRS are two (2) separate divisions because they have the same Assistant Commissioner. The Complainant asserts that in a letter from Mr. Brian Fitzgibbons ("Mr. Fitzgibbons"), the former Director of DVRS, to Dr. Albert dated October 30, 2008, Mr. Fitzgibbons revealed that he was in possession of request Item No. 2 and was using the contents of said letter to deny the Complainant's intake into DVRS.

Moreover, the Complainant alleges that Custodian's arguments regarding request Items No. 2 and No. 3 in the SOI are wrong. The Complainant alleges that although the records he sent to DDS were not in his DVRS case file on the day of inspection, Mr. Fitzgibbons indicated in his October 30, 2008 letter that DVRS was in possession of same.

The Complainant alleges that based on all of the foregoing, the Custodian has submitted false testimony and should be held accountable.⁹

Analysis

Whether the Custodian unlawfully denied access to the requested case file?

OPRA provides that:

"...government records shall be readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination by the citizens of this State, *with certain exceptions*..." (Emphasis added.) <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-1.

Additionally, OPRA defines a government record as:

"... any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been *made, maintained or*

⁹ The Complainant included additional information that is not relevant to the instant complaint. The Complainant submitted a second (2) letter on June 21, 2010 that contained additional information not relevant to the instant complaint.

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kept on file ... or *that has been received* in the course of his or its official business ..." (Emphasis added.) <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-1.1.

OPRA places the onus on the Custodian to prove that a denial of access is lawful. Specifically, OPRA states:

"...[t]he public agency shall have the burden of proving that the denial of access is authorized by law..." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-6.

OPRA provides that government records made, maintained, kept on file, or received by a public agency in the course of its official business are subject to public access unless otherwise exempt. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-1.1. A custodian must release all records responsive to an OPRA request "with certain exceptions." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-1. Additionally, OPRA places the burden on a custodian to prove that a denial of access to records is lawful pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-6.

In the matter currently before the Council, the Complainant's OPRA request sought inspection of his DVRS case file. The Custodian responded in writing in a timely manner granting access to said file and requesting that the Complainant contact DVRS to make an appointment. The evidence of record indicates that the Complainant inspected his DVRS file on December 28, 2009.

The Complainant subsequently filed the instant complaint after inspecting the file upon the belief that the following three (3) records had been omitted from the file:

- 1. Letter from Dr. Albert to Mr. Jennings dated June 9, 2008.
- 2. Letter from the Director of Disability Determination Services ("DDS").
- 3. Hospital discharge papers attached to the letter from DDS.

The issue in this complaint is whether the Custodian unlawfully denied access to the records that the Complainant identified in his Denial of Access Complaint. The GRC acknowledges that the Custodian properly complied with the Complainant's original OPRA request to inspect his DVRS case file. However, the Complainant disputes three (3) records he believed to be missing from the case file.

Item No. 1 - Letters from Dr. Albert to Mr. Jennings:

In the Denial of Access Complaint, the Complainant stated that at the time of the inspection the Custodian advised that the Complainant should contact his counselor regarding Item No. 1.

The Custodian certified in the SOI that Item No. 1 was not in the file at the time of the Complainant's inspection. The Custodian certified that she did not know exactly why Item No. 1 was not in the file, but that it could have been because the record predates the file or has been the subject of past OPRA requests and could have been removed in order to respond to those requests. The Complainant responded to the SOI, noting that DVRS was clearly in possession of Item No. 1, as it is attached to the SOI. The Complainant further questioned why DVRS was in possession of said record.

In regard to Item No. 1, the evidence of record is clear that DVRS maintains Item No. 1. The Custodian acknowledged in the SOI that DVRS was in possession of the letter at issue. In fact, the Custodian attached an OPRA request dated March 9, 2010 in which the Complainant asked for the same letter. The Custodian further attached her March 23, 2009 written response with an attached copy of Item No. 1.

However, the Custodian certified that Item No. 1 was not in the file when the Complainant inspected same on December 28, 2009. The Custodian further certified that there could be many different reasons why the letter was not in the case file, including that the letters could have been removed in the course of responding to OPRA requests for the same letters.

Ultimately, the crux of the Complainant's concern is whether Item No. 1 was or was not properly maintained within the Complainant's case file. However, the GRC does not have the authority to render such a decision. OPRA provided that:

"[t]The Government Records Council shall ... receive, hear, review and adjudicate a complaint filed by any person concerning *a denial of access to a government record* by a records custodian..." (Emphasis added.) N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7.b.

In <u>Kelley v. Township of Rockaway (Morris)</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2007-11 (Interim Order dated October 30, 2007), the complainant questioned the custodian's assertion that records responsive to the complainant's OPRA request were in storage or archived. The GRC in turn held that it "has no authority over where government records are stored by any agency pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-7.b." Moreover, in <u>Kvederas v.</u> Town of Morristown (Morris), GRC Complaint No. 2009-70 (April 2010), the complainant argued that he believed more records responsive to his request existed based on his experience as a Town employee; however, the complainant provided no competent evidence to refute the custodian's certification. The GRC held that:

"... the GRC does not have the authority to regulate the manner in which a Township maintains its files or which records a Township must maintain. See <u>Kwanzaa v. Dept. of Corrections</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2004-167 (March 2005)(the GRC does not have authority over the content of a record); <u>Gillespie v. Newark Public Schools</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2004-105 (November 2004)(the GRC does not have the authority to adjudicate the validity of a record); <u>Katinsky v. River Vale Township</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2003-68 (November 2003)(the integrity of a requested record is not within the GRC's authority to adjudicate); <u>Toscano v. NJ Dept. of Labor</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2005-59 (September 2005)(the GRC does not have authority over the condition of records provided by a Custodian); <u>Van Pelt v. Twp. of Edison BOE</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2007-179 (January 2008)(the GRC does not have the authority to regulate the

manner in which a Township maintains its files or which records a Township must maintain)." *Id.* at pg. 9.

In the instant complaint, the evidence of record indicates that although Item No. 1 was maintained within DVRS, the letter was not present within the file at the time of inspection. The Custodian certified to several reasons why Item No. 1 would not have been maintained within the file, including that said letter was the subject of prior OPRA requests and could have been removed for that reason. The Custodian supported her certification by attaching to the SOI a copy of the Complainant's March 9, 2009 OPRA request and the Custodian's March 23, 2009 response attaching Item No. 1.

Moreover, the Complainant provides no competent probative evidence to refute the Custodian's certification. In <u>Kvederas</u>, *supra*, the complainant argued that he believed more records responsive to his request existed based on his past experience as a Town employee; however, the complainant provided no competent probative evidence to refute the custodian's certification. The facts of that complaint are similar to this complaint in that the Complainant confirming with an employee of DVRS that a letter was received or maintained by DVRS does not prove that it is being held in a specific location, file, etc.

Therefore, pursuant to the GRC's holding in <u>Kelley</u>, *supra*, and <u>Kvederas</u>, *supra*, the GRC has no authority over whether DVRS should maintain the requested record, nor does the GRC have the authority to decide whether Item No. 1 should be part of the Complainant's case file. Although DVRS is in possession of Item No. 1, the Custodian has certified in the SOI that it was not present in the file the day the Complainant inspected said file and the Complainant provided no competent, probative evidence to prove that it should have been present. Thus, the GRC declines to find that the Custodian violated OPRA because Item No. 1 was not included within the Complainant's DVRS file. Moreover, because the Custodian properly responded granting the Complainant access to inspect the requested file, the Custodian could not have unlawfully denied access to the requested file, which was the record originally sought by the Complainant. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

Items No. 2 and No. 3 – Letter from DDS with hospital discharge papers:

The Complainant asserted in the Denial of Access Complaint that the records responsive to Items No. 2 and No. 3 should not be part of his DVRS file nor should DVRS be in possession of same. The Custodian certified in the SOI that regarding Item No. 2 and No. 3, the records are not maintained by DVRS, thus, they would not be part of the Complainant's case file.

In his rebuttal to the SOI, the Complainant argued that a letter from Mr. Fitzgibbons to Dr. Albert dated October 30, 2008 was proof that DVRS was in possession of Items No. 2 and No. 3. However, the Complainant failed to provide either a copy of the letter he referenced or any competent evidence to refute the Custodian's certification.

As previously stated above, the GRC's holding in <u>Kelley</u>, *supra*, and <u>Kvederas</u>, *supra*, the Council has no authority over whether DVRS should maintain the records at Louis Paul Toscano v. New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 2010-58 – Findings and Recommendations of the Executive Director

issue in this complaint, nor does the GRC have the authority to decide whether said records should be part of the Complainant's case file. In the instant complaint, the Custodian certified in the SOI that Items No. 2 and No. 3 were never in the Complainant's case file and the Complainant provided no competent, probative evidence to refute the Custodian's certification.

Therefore, pursuant to the GRC's holding in <u>Kelley</u>, *supra*, and <u>Kvederas</u>, *supra*, the GRC has no authority over whether DVRS should maintain Items No. 2 and No. 3, nor does the GRC have the authority to decide whether said records should be part of the Complainant's case file. Moreover, the Custodian certified that Items No. 2 and No. 3 are not maintained by DVRS and the Complainant provided no competent evidence to refute the Custodian's certification. Thus, because the Custodian properly responded granting the Complainant access to inspect the requested file, the Custodian could not have unlawfully denied access to the requested file, which was the record originally sought by the Complainant. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-6.

Finally, the GRC declines to address the Complainant's assertion that the Custodian's statement that DVRS and DDS are separate divisions is erroneous because said statement does not relate to OPRA's statutory right of access to government records and is thus outside of the GRC's authority to adjudicate. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-7.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Executive Director respectfully recommends the Council find that:

- 1. Pursuant to the GRC's holding in Kelley v Township of Rockaway (Morris), GRC Complaint No. 2007-11 (Interim Order dated October 30, 2007), and Kvederas v. Town of Morristown (Morris), GRC Complaint No. 2009-70 (April 2010), the GRC has no authority over whether the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services should maintain the requested record, nor does the GRC have the authority to decide whether Item No. 1 should be part of the Complainant's case file. Although the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services is in possession of Item No. 1, the Custodian has certified in the Statement of Information that it was not present in the file the day the Complainant inspected said file and the Complainant provided no competent, probative evidence to prove that it should have been present. Thus, the GRC declines to find that the Custodian violated OPRA because Item No. 1 was not included within the Complainant's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services file. Moreover, because the Custodian properly responded granting the Complainant access to inspect the requested file, the Custodian could not have unlawfully denied access to the requested file, which was the record originally sought by the Complainant. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.
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have the authority to decide whether said records should be part of the Complainant's case file. Moreover, the Custodian certified that Items No. 2 and No. 3 are not maintained by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Complainant provided no competent evidence to refute the Custodian's certification. Thus, because the Custodian properly responded granting the Complainant access to inspect the requested file, the Custodian could not have unlawfully denied access to the requested file, which was the record originally sought by the Complainant. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

- 3. The GRC declines to address the Complainant's assertion that the Custodian's statement that the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Disability Determination Services are separate divisions is erroneous because said statement does not relate to OPRA's statutory right of access to government records and is thus outside of the GRC's authority to adjudicate. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7.
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- Approved By: Catherine Starghill, Esq. Executive Director

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