

April 8, 2022

# SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Frank Burns 1654 William Penn Avenue Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15909 Email: <u>Fburns@pahouse.net</u>

### RE: Right-To-Know Law Request No. 22-RTKL-090

Dear Representative Burns:

On March 2, 2022, the Agency Open Records Officer of the Department of Human Services (department) received your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 – 67.3104 (RTKL). On March 9, 2022, an interim communication was sent to you indicating that up to an additional 30 days would be needed to respond to your request.

### Your Request

You asked for copies of any and all documents (including, but not limited to, emails) dealing with the relocation or recruitment of refugees or immigrants to Cambria County, PA (including the city of Johnstown, PA) from January 1, 2021 to the current date.

### The Department's Response to Your Request

Your request is granted in part and denied in part. Along with this letter, the department is providing redacted copies of the records that are responsive to your request. As explained below, the department redacted records because the information is exempt from disclosure by law, as follows:

- <u>Personal Identification Information</u>: Pursuant to the RTKL, "a record containing all of part of a person's Social Security number…home, cellular or personal telephone numbers; personal email addresses; …or other confidential personal identification number" is exempt from disclosure. 65 P.S. § 67.708(6)(i)(A). The department redacted personal email addresses and personal telephone numbers from the responsive records. See Office of the Governor v. Raffle, 65 A.3d 1105 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2013); Office of the Lieutenant Governor v. Mohn, 67 A.3d 123 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2013).
- <u>Individual Health Information</u>: The RTKL exempts from disclosure "a record of an individual's medical, psychiatric, or psychological history or disability status,

including evaluation, consultation, prescription, diagnosis or treatment." 65 P.S. §708(b)(5). Your request encompasses a record containing individual health information. The department redacted this information under section 708(b)(5) of the RTKL.

# <u>Fee</u>

The department is permitted to charge up to \$.25 cents per page for requested documents. In accordance with the policy that a fee will not be assessed when records are provided electronically, no fee is due.

## Appeal Rights

With regard to records that were not produced within this response, you have a right to appeal in writing to the Executive Director, Office of Open Records (OOR), 333 Market Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333. If you choose to file an appeal you must do so <u>within 15 business days</u> of the mailing date of this response and send to the OOR:

- 1. This response;
- 2. Your request; and
- 3. The reasons <u>why you think the record is public</u> (a statement of the grounds you assert for the requested record being a public record) and <u>why you think the agency is wrong in its reasons for saying that the record is not public</u> (a statement that addresses any ground stated by the agency for the denial, which you are challenging); <u>if the agency gave several reasons why the record is not public</u>, state which ones you think were wrong.

All of the above must be submitted in order for the appeal to be valid. The OOR has an appeal form available on its website at: https://www.openrecords.pa.gov/Appeals/HowToFile.cfm.

If you have any questions related to this RTKL response, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrea Bankes

Andrea Bankes Agency Open Records Officer

Attachments

From:	Mike Tedesco <mike@johnstownvision.com></mike@johnstownvision.com>
Sent:	Monday, October 25, 2021 3:10 PM
То:	Butcher, Frank
Subject:	[External] RE: Call

Frank – No problem! I really appreciate your time. I just stepped into my 3:00 meeting, but we will talk again soon!

MT

Mike Tedesco <u>Vision Together 2025</u> President/CEO 416 Main Street, Suite 201 | Johnstown, PA 15901 (mobile) | 814.539.5626 (office)



Good Afternoon Mike,

Sorry our call got cut short. We had some internet issues. Please feel free to call me back my number is below.

Regards,

# Frank Butcher

Program Advisor Refugee Unit Bureau of Employment Programs Office of Income Maintenance Department of Human Services Phone: [] Fax: 717.787.4106 Email: []

From:	Mike Tedesco <mike@johnstownvision.com></mike@johnstownvision.com>
Sent:	Monday, February 14, 2022 10:32 AM
То:	Butcher, Frank; 'Johnstown Capital'
Subject:	[External] RE: Green Card Resources

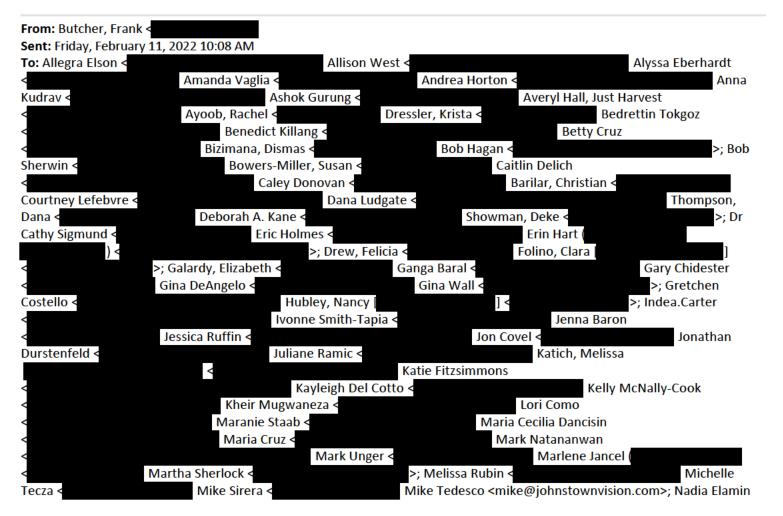
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Phone: Fax: 717.787.4106		
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From: Heffle, Keith <			
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2	2022 2:11 PM		
<b>To:</b> Anil, Leena <	Bowers-Miller, Susan <	Butcher, Frank <	Fry, Charlotte
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### Jwana L. Smith Community Relations Officer – PA | DE U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Office:

From:	Johnstown Capital <johnstowncapitalpartners@gmail.com></johnstowncapitalpartners@gmail.com>
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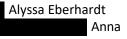
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Amanda Vaglia ·

From: Butcher, Frank < Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 10:08 AM To: Allegra Elson <

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From:	Mike Tedesco <mike@johnstownvision.com></mike@johnstownvision.com>
Sent:	Friday, November 5, 2021 12:09 PM
То:	Butcher, Frank; 'Amanda Vaglia'
Subject:	[External] RE: Introduction to possible collaboration

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Sent:	Friday, November 5, 2021 6:	49 PM
То:	Mike Tedesco	
Cc:	Butcher, Frank	
Subject:	[External] Re: Introduction	to possible collaboration

Hi Mike,

It would be great to coordinate! Mondays and Thursdays are my worst days to meet. I could do evening of the 17th? Or daytime on the 16th? Let me know your thoughts. My cell is **Constant 1**. Looking forward to coordination! Amanda

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From:	Butcher, Frank
Sent:	Monday, February 14, 2022 12:04 PM
То:	'Johnstown Capital'; Mike Tedesco
Subject:	RE: [External] Re: Green Card Resources

Good Morning Laquan,

We are always encouraging additional partners. I can send you an invite to our next Pittsburgh/Erie collaborative meeting once the date is finalized. You can sit in and get a feel for how Refugee resettlement works. I can make some introductions and you will be able to ask any questions you may have.

If you have any specific questions that I may answer you can send them my way.

Regards,

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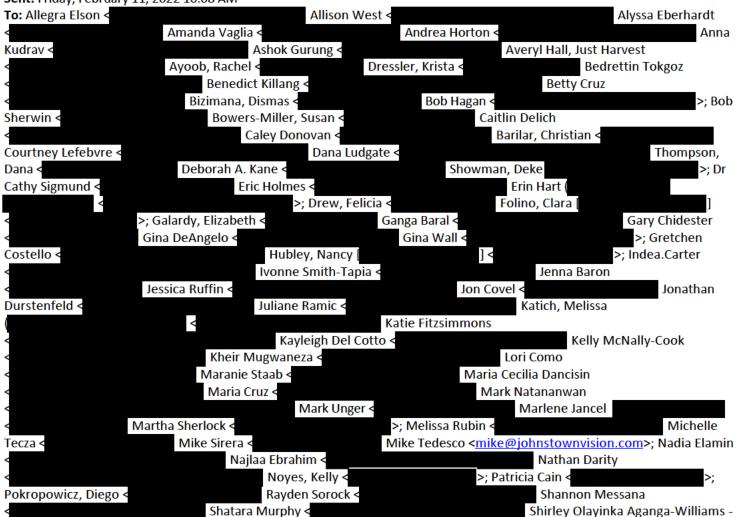
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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services			
Office:		Cell:	

From:	Fry, Charlotte
Sent:	Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:17 AM
То:	'Mike Tedesco'; 'Bob Sherwin'
Subject:	RE: [External] RE: Introduction

Thanks for the introduction, Bob. Mike, do forgive my delayed response. This a very busy time for us but I do think I have some free time on Monday. Please send me a meeting invitation for Monday between 2 and 4:30.

Looking forward to speaking with you. Charlotte

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Hello, Charlotte!

I'd love to chat with you when you have an opportunity. I'm out of town most of this week but if we look toward the week after I'm sure I can make it work.

Thank you, Bob, for connecting us!

Mike

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From: Bob Sherwin < > > Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:35 PM To: Fry, Charlotte < >; mike@johnstownvision.com Subject: Introduction

Good afternoon Charlotte and Mike,

I am pleased to introduce you to one another. Charlotte is the State Refugee Coordinator. Mike is the Executive Director of Johnstown Vision 2025.

Charlotte, Mike and the Johnstown and Cambria County community are interested in resettling refugees in Cambria County. Mike and I met last week, we discussed Volags, community involvement and support, landlords, employment, education, and volunteers. Please reach out to Mike to further the discussion of resettling refugees in

Johnstown. Mike had several questions that I could not answer.

Thanks,



Robert A. Sherwin, M.S.Ed.Executive Branch Director,Bethany Christian Services of Western PennsylvaniaT: +1 (724) 940-2900 | C:10521 Perry Highway, Ste 200, Wexford, Pennsylvania (map)

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From:	Fry, Charlotte	
Sent:	Thursday, November 4, 2021 4:18 PM	
То:	Critz, Mark	
Cc:	Volkman, David; Medina, Carmen	
Subject:	RE: Introduction and questions	
Attachments:	FY 2021 RP Contact List for distribution-Aug 5, 21.doc	

Good afternoon Mark:

Thank you for your email and interest in resettling refugees. I do not know where you are in the process but there are several factors involved in solidifying sustainable resettlement within communities. The first step involves establishing a partnership with one of the nine national resettlement agencies to vet, train, monitor and oversee local affiliates. I have attached a contact list for you.

I am happy to explain this in greater detail should you so choose.

All the best, Charlotte

# Charlotte E. Fry

#### She/her/hers

PA State Refugee Coordinator Refugee Unit Bureau of Employment Programs Office of Income Maintenance Department of Human Services Ph: Email: Resource Acct: RA-HSRefugeeProgram@pa.gov

From: Volkman, David <	>				
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:35 PM					
To: Critz, Mark <	>; Fry, Charlotte < >				
Subject: RE: Introduction and questions					

Thanks so much Mark. I can include 3 staff members from the department on any further discussion that would be appropriate as you move forward. Let me know.

**David W. Volkman |** Special Advisor to the Secretary Department of Education | Office of the Secretary 333 Market Street | Harrisburg, PA 17126 Phone:

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To: Fry, Charlotte < Solution and questions >; Volkman, David < Subject: Introduction and questions

Charlotte/Dr. Volkman:

I'd like to introduce myself. I am the ED of the Gov's Rural Development Council. As such I interact with small communities and varied groups across the state. Also on this email is Dr. David Volkman of PDE as this involves questions around ESL instructors. I have been in conversations with different folks from Johnstown PA. They, along with several area business people, are very interested in attracting incoming refugees to Johnstown. The long term plan is to become a welcoming community for immigrants already in this country as well.

Mike Tedesco of Vision 2025 of Johnstown has been in conversations with one of your folks but I wanted to reach out as well to bring Dr. Volkman into the conversation and also close the loop.

Again this is just me introducing myself as these conversations proceed.

Dr. Volkman, my contacts have been talking with the Sup't of the Greater Johnstown S.D. who says they have three ESL certified instructors on staff. I was glad to hear that, but also don't know the process if refugees moving in speak a language that the current staff know. I just wanted to give you the heads up as we proceed.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to moving this project forward. Take care.

Mark

Mark Critz Exec. Dir. Rural Dev. Council Western Reg. Dir. PA Dept. of Agriculture 2301 N. Cameron St. Harrisburg, PA 17110

# **RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT AGENCY CONTACTS – FY 2021**

### **Church World Service (CWS)**

Immigration and Refugee Program 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 700 New York, NY 10115 Phone: (212) 870-2061 Fax: (212) 870-3194 <u>www.cwsglobal.org</u> PRM\_RP@cwsglobal.org

### **Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society** (DFMS)

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) 815 Second Avenue New York, NY 10017 Phone: (212) 716-6000 Fax: (212) 972-0860 <u>emm@episcopalchurch.org</u> <u>www.episcopalmigrationministries.org</u> PRM-EMMmailbox@episcopalchurch.org

### **Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. (ECDC)**

901 S. Highland Street Arlington, VA 22204 Phone: (703) 685-0510 Fax: (703) 685-0529 <u>www.ecdcus.org</u> rpprogram@ecdcus.org

### HIAS

1300 Spring Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Silver Spring, MD 20910 Phone: (301) 844-7300 Fax: (301) 565-0727

<u>www.hias.org</u> HIASR\_P@HIAS.org

### International Rescue Committee (IRC)

122 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street New York, NY 10168-1289 Phone: (212) 551-3000 Fax: (212) 551-0978

<u>www.rescue.org</u> IRCRandP@rescue.org

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