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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 14635-14 D.N.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S517327 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 19, 2014, the Honorable Imre Karaszegi, Jr., Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, admitted documents and issued an Initial Decision which reversed the Agency determination.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby ADOPT the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Initial Decision, as though set forth herein at length, and REVERSE the Agency determination.

There is insufficient credible evidence to support the Agency contention that "homelessness occurred when a member of [Petitioner's] family stopped working without good cause, or failed to comply with other requirements of the WFNJ program, or [Petitioner] became homeless because of disorderly behavior, destruction of property, or criminal activity." N.J.A.C. 10:90-9.1; -9.5(a)(4); -9.12; 1:1-15.8(c). I note Petitioner secured full-time employment beginning November 14, 2014.

The Agency should rescind the penalty and pay the requested security deposit and first month's rent in connection with Petitioner's Section 8 housing.

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Director