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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10683-14 J.R.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C058188 (GLOUCESTER COUNTY DIV. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's reduction of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a Food Stamps, benefits, and the sanctioning of her Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits. The Agency reduced Petitioner's SNAP, and sanctioned WFNJ/TANF, benefits due to non-compliance with her work activity. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 12, 2014, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On September 17, 2014, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ noted that Petitioner admitted to not participating in the required work activity, asserting that she was "too stressed out" to do so, which is not good cause. See Initial Decision at 3.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed by either party.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision and I concur with the ALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in this matter is ADOPTED and the Agency's actions are hereby AFFIRMED.

SEP 29 2014

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Director