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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 12927-14 A.L.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C279258 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") in the form of Temporary Rental Assistance ("TRA"). The Agency denied Petitioner's request for TRA but offered Petitioner a shelter placement which Petitioner refused. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 9, 2014, the Honorable Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents into evidence.

On October 9, 2014, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency determination. Noting the applicable regulatory provision, N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.3(a)(1), which states the Agency shall determine the most appropriate form of EA to be granted, the ALJ concluded that the credible evidence in the record supported the Agency's action. See Initial Decision at 4.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

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

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in the matter is hereby ADOPTED, and the Agency action is AFFIRMED.

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Director