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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 5356-15 K.G.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C079980 (ATLANTIC CO. DEPT OF FAM. & COM. DEV)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of his Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits because he allegedly failed to comply with the housing and job search requirements of his service plan ("SP"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On July 7 and 21, 2015, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents into evidence.

On August 4, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination. Here, it was determined on the record that an error had been made, as the Agency testified that it discovered Petitioner's documents which showed that he had not, in fact, violated his SP. See Initial Decision at 3. Rather, Petitioner's supporting documentation had been misplaced. *Ibid.* The facts, therefore, were no longer in dispute in the matter. Accordingly, the ALJ ordered that the Agency's action terminating Petitioner's EA be reversed. *Ibid.*

No Exceptions to this Initial Decision were filed.

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

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

Signed Copy on File
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AUG 20 2015

Natasha Johnson
Director