



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Family Development
P.O. Box 716
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

Chris Christie
Governor

Kim Guadagno
Lt. Governor

Jennifer Velez
Commissioner

Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Director
Tel. (609) 588-2000

The following Decision is distributed for your information. This Decision has been made in consideration of the specific facts of this case. This Decision is not to be interpreted as establishing any new mandatory policy or procedure otherwise officially promulgated.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 9422-14 N.L.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C169593 (PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of a second six month extension of Emergency Assistance ("EA") under the Housing Hardship Extension ("HHE") pilot program, N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.9. The Agency denied the second six month extension because Petitioner had incurred two sanctions for non-compliance with a work activity within a 12-month period prior to Petitioner's application for an EA extension under HHE. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 2, 2014, the Honorable Sandra Ann Robinson, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On September 10, 2014, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ agreed with the Agency that Petitioner was not eligible for a further EA extension under HHE at the present time due to the two sanctions incurred by Petitioner, which had not been appealed in a timely fashion. See Initial Decision at 7-8.

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 ALJ's 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 Conclusion of Law in this matter.

In accordance with the ALJ's Initial Decision, a copy of the Initial and Final Decisions in this matter will be forwarded to the Division of Child Protection and Permanency ("DCP&P") to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of Petitioner's child will be protected.

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

NOV 07 2014

Signed Copy on File
at DFD, BARA

Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Director