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FINAL DECISION
OAL DKT. NO. HSL 03331-13N
AGENCY DKT. NO. DRA #13-003

C.T.,

Petitioner,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

A. INTRODUCTION

The matter, C.T. v. Department of Human Services, was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on March 8, 2013 as a contested matter. The appeal disputed the placement of C.T. on the Central Registry of Offenders against Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, N.J.S.A. 30:6D-73, et seq.

The petitioner was represented by Robert J. Galluccio, Esq. and the Department of Human Services was represented by Deputy Attorney General, Theodore F. Martens. A settlement agreement was reached by the parties and submitted to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), Leslie Z. Celentano. The record was closed on October 2, 2014, and the Initial Decision was issued on October 7, 2014.

B. THE INITIAL DECISION

The Settlement Agreement deals with two docketed Office of Administrative Law (OAL) cases (HSL 03331-13 and CSV 11875-12). These cases were never consolidated into a single OAL case, but the settlement agreement resolves all of the matters in dispute in both cases. The only relevant dispute in this case (HSL 03331-13), however, involves the placement of C.T. on the Central Registry of Offenders against Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. In a September 16, 2014 letter, the attorney for the respondent requested that the ALJ grant an adjournment in which to file a formal settlement agreement. The letter details that "(C.T.) agrees to withdraw her appeal ... under HSL 03331-13; and not contest her name being placed on the Central Registry." The settlement agreement specifically notes the appellant "withdrawing her appeal and request for a hearing in OAL Docket No. HSL 03331-13." [Set.Ag. at C.6.]

The ALJ reviewed the terms of the settlement and **FOUND** that the settlement was entered into voluntarily by the parties as witnessed by the parties' (or their representatives') signatures, that it fully disposed of all issues in dispute, and is consistent with the law. The ALJ **CONCLUDED** that the agreement met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that it should be approved. The ALJ **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the settlement terms.

C. EXCEPTIONS

None submitted.

D. FINAL DECISION

Careful consideration was given to the ALJ's Initial Decision, the Settlement Agreement and the entirety of the OAL file by the Office of Program Integrity and Accountability, on behalf of the Department of Human Services. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-18.1(f), I concur with the ALJ's findings. Therefore, the ALJ's Initial Decision, encompassing the Settlement Agreement is hereby **AFFIRMED** as the Department of Human Services' Final Agency Decision in this matter. C.T.'s name will be placed on the Central Registry of Offenders against Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

Date: 10/22/14



Lauri Woodward, Director
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