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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 6118-15 R.L.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C652786 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits in the form of Temporary Rental Assistance ("TRA"). The Agency denied Petitioner EA/TRA benefits because she is not homeless or in imminent danger of homelessness. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 26, 2015, the Honorable Joan Bedrin Murray, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On June 16, 2015, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The record indicates that Petitioner is not homeless or imminently homeless. See Initial Decision at 5. Petitioner did not provide the court with appropriate documentation to show actual or danger of imminent homelessness, but instead presented only conflicting and incredible testimony and documents. See Initial Decision at 3-5; see also Exhibits P-1 through P-4; see also Exhibit R-1. Accordingly, the ALJ found that the Agency had properly denied EA/TRA benefits. See Initial Decision at 5.

Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received from Petitioner on June 17, 2015.

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 the matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in the matter.

By way of comment, I have reviewed Petitioner's exceptions, and find that they do not alter my decision in the matter.

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

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Natasha Johnson
Director