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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 16143-15 T.P.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C029640 (SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of her Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF cash benefits because it determined that she failed to comply with the required activities under her WFNJ Supportive Assistance for Individuals and Families ("SAIF") program's individual responsibility plan ("IRP"), without good cause. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 30, 2015, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On December 14, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The record shows that Petitioner had participated in the SAIF program, and was required to attend all scheduled appointments, as specified in her IRP. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1 at 2. The record also shows that Petitioner failed to attend the scheduled meetings. See Initial Decision at 2. The ALJ found that Petitioner failed to comply with the SAIF requirements, without good cause. *Id.* at 3. Accordingly, the ALJ concluded that the Agency properly terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF cash benefits for the foregoing reasons. *Id.* at 3; see also N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.20(d).

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 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's determination is AFFIRMED.

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