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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
OF THE
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of E.C.L., County
Correction Officer (S9999R), Camden
County

Medical Review Panel Appeal

CSC Docket No. 2016-1053

ISSUED: OCT 20 2017 (BS)

E.C.L., represented by Michael L. Prigoff, Esq., appeals his rejection as a County Correction Officer candidate by Camden County and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for County Correction Officer (S9999R) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

This appeal was brought before the Medical Review Panel on August 10, 2017, which rendered the attached report and recommendation on August 22, 2017. No exceptions were filed by the parties.

The report by the Medical Review Panel discusses all submitted evaluations. The Panel concluded that the test results and procedures and the behavioral record, when viewed in light of the Job Specification for County Correction Officer, indicate that the candidate is psychologically unfit to perform effectively the duties of the position sought, and therefore, the action of the hiring authority should be upheld. Accordingly, the Panel recommended that the appellant be removed from the eligible list.

CONCLUSION

The Class Specification for the title of County Correction Officer is the official job description for such positions within civil service. According to the specification, officers are responsible for the presence and conduct of inmates as well as their safety, security and welfare. An officer must be able to cope with crisis situations

and to react properly, to follow orders explicitly, to write concise and accurate reports, and to empathize with persons of different backgrounds. Examples of work include: observing inmates in a variety of situations to detect violations of institutional regulations; escorting or transporting individual and groups of inmates within and outside of the institution; describing incidents of misbehavior in a concise, factual manner; following established policies, regulations and procedures; keeping continual track of the number of inmates in his or her charge; and performing regular checks of security hazards such as broken pipes or windows, locks that were tampered with, unlocked doors, etc.

The Civil Service Commission has reviewed the job specification for this title and the duties and abilities encompassed therein and found that the psychological traits which were identified and supported by test procedures and the behavioral record relate adversely to the appellant's ability to effectively perform the duties of the title. Having considered the record and the Medical Review Panel's report and recommendation issued thereon and having made an independent evaluation of same, the Civil Service Commission accepted and adopted the findings and conclusions as contained in the attached Medical Review Panel's report and recommendation.

ORDER

The Civil Service Commission finds that the appointing authority has met its burden of proof that E.C.L. is psychologically unfit to perform effectively the duties of a County Correction Officer and, therefore, the Commission orders that his name be removed from the subject eligible list.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in a judicial forum.

DECISION RENDERED BY THE
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON
THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017



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