STATE OF FLORIDA AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

BERTHA DELANEY,

Petitioner.

DOAH CASE NO.: 17-2254EXE

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AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,

Respondent.



FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before the Agency for entry of a Final Order concerning Petitioner's request for an exemption from disqualification from holding a position of special trust as provided in chapter 435.07, Florida Statutes. Petitioner seeks an exemption from disqualification so that Petitioner can work in a position having direct contact with developmentally disabled children or people served in programs regulated by the Department of Children and Families or the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Following an administrative hearing, conducted via video teleconference, before a designated Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") of the Division of Administrative Hearings ("DOAH"), on June 7, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Recommended Order concluding that Petitioner did demonstrate sufficient rehabilitation such that She should be considered for exemption. Neither party filed exceptions to the Recommended Order. There being no basis to reject the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Administrative Law Judge, the Recommended Order is approved and adopted. Accordingly, Petitioner's request for an exemption from disqualification from holding a position of special trust is hereby **GRANTED**.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 26 day of September, 2017.

Tom Rankin, Deputy Director of Operations Agency for Persons with Disabilities

RIGHT TO APPEAL

A party who is adversely affected by this final order is entitled to judicial review. To initiate judicial review, the party seeking it must file one copy of a "Notice of Appeal" with the Agency Clerk. The party seeking judicial review must also file another copy of the "Notice of Appeal," accompanied by the filing fee required by law, with the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee, Florida, or with the District Court of Appeal in the district where the party resides. The Notices must be filed within thirty (30) days of the rendition of this final order.¹

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Copies of this Final Order were provided to the above-named individuals at the listed addresses, by U.S. or electronic Mail, this 26 day of September, 2017.

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¹ The date of the "rendition" of this Final Order is the date that is stamped on its first page. The Notices of Appeal must be <u>received</u> on or before the thirtieth day after that date.