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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
)	
WAYNE COPELAND,)	
Employee)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0008-12
)	
v.)	Date of Issuance: March 13, 2012
)	
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH)	MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
REHABILITATION SERVICES,)	Administrative Judge
Agency)	
_____)	
Wayne Copeland, Employee <i>Pro Se</i>		
Lynette Collins, Esq., Agency's Representative		

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On October 14, 2011, Wayne Copeland (“Employee”) filed a petition for appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or “Office”) contesting the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services’ (“DYRS” or “Agency”) decision to suspend him from his position of Senior Investigator for Twenty (20) days. According to Agency’s Final Decision on Proposed Suspension of Twenty Days dated September 30, 2011, Employee’s suspension was later reduced to fifteen days, effective September 21, 2011. Thereafter, this matter was assigned to a Mediator. On November 8, 2011, the Mediator issued a Notice of Mediation/Settlement Conference wherein, she scheduled a mediation conference for December 8, 2011. Agency filed its Answer to Employee’s petition for appeal on December 1, 2011. Another mediation conference was scheduled for January 26, 2012. The parties reached a settlement agreement during the January 26, 2012, mediation conference. On February 2, 2012, the parties submitted a signed settlement agreement. This matter was assigned to me on or around March 13, 2012. This matter is now closed.

JURISDICTION

The Office has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Whether this appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since the parties have settled this matter, Employee's petition for appeal is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the petition for appeal in this matter is **DISMISSED**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Administrative Judge