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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

In the Matter of:)
KAREN GUILLORY,) OEA Matter No. 1601-0389-10
Employee) OEA Matter No. 1001-0589-10
V.) Date of Issuance: December 14, 2012
D.C. CHILD AND FAMILY)
SERVICES AGENCY,) MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Agency) Administrative Judge
Stephen White, Employee's Representative	-
Lindsay Neinast, Esq., Agency Representative	9

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On August 27, 2010, Karen Guillory ("Employee") filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals ("OEA" or "Office") contesting the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency's ("Agency") decision to terminate her from her position as a Training Specialist. On September 29, 2010, Agency filed its Answer to Employee's Petition for Appeal.

This matter was assigned to the undersigned Administrative Judge on July 18, 2012. On July 30, 2012, the undersigned issued an Order requiring Employee to address the jurisdiction issue in this matter, as she noted in her Petition for Appeal that she filed a grievance with the Union. On August 8, 2012, Employee submitted her response to the July 30, 2012 Order. Thereafter, on August 13, 2012, I issued an Order scheduling a Status Conference for August 29, 2012. During the Status Conference, the parties agreed to have this matter referred to Mediation. Subsequently, a Mediation Conference was held on October 29, 2012. The parties agreed to a settlement during the Mediation Conference. On December 7, 2012, the undersigned received the parties' written settlement agreement. And on December 13, 2012, Employee submitted a request for dismissal of her Petition for Appeal with prejudice. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

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

<u>ISSUE</u>

Whether this appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since the parties have settled this matter and Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her appeal, I find that Employee's Petition for Appeal is dismissed.

<u>ORDER</u>

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the Petition for Appeal in this matter is **DISMISSED**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

MONICA DOHNJI, Esq. Administrative Judge