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Cornell Lewis,
Complainant(s)
against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2015-333

Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of
Children and Families; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Children and Families,
Respondent(s)

December 8, 2015

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, 1st floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2016**. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission **ON OR BEFORE December 30, 2015**. Such request **MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.**

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, an **original and fourteen (14) copies** must be filed **ON OR BEFORE December 30, 2015**. **PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.**

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that **fifteen (15) copies** be filed **ON OR BEFORE December 30, 2015**, and that **notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.**

By Order of the Freedom of
Information Commission

W. Paradis
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Cornell Lewis
Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Children and Families; and State of
Connecticut, Department of Children and Families, c/o Thomas DeMatteo

2015-12-08/FIC# 2015-333/Trans/wrbp/VDH/VB

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

Cornell Lewis,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2015-333

Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Children and Families;
and State of Connecticut, Department
of Children and Families,

Respondents

September 8, 2015

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on September 3, 2015, at 1:00 P.M., however, neither the complainant nor the respondents appeared for the hearing.

The Commission notes that the Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail to all of the parties in this case on August 13, 2015. The Commission further notes that there is documentation in the administrative record evidencing that the parties received notice of the scheduled hearing on August 14, 2015. Finally, the Commission notes that none of the parties filed a motion requesting that the hearing be rescheduled.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
2. The parties are admonished for their failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state resources.



Valicia Dee Harmon
as Hearing Officer