

Office of Open Records Docket Sheet

OOR Dkt. AP 2026-0442: Cathleen Palm v. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

Appeals Officer:

Catherine Hecker

Case Information:

Insufficiency Notice:	No
Mediation Requested:	No
30-day Extension Granted:	Yes
Record Closing Date:	03/27/2026
Final Determination Due Date:	04/13/2026
Case Status:	Partially Granted: Partially Dismissed

Final Determination Outcome:

Issued: 04/13/2026

The Request sought communications of the Department related to the Keystone Child Abuse Medical Forum, enlisting medical experts used by the Department and its contractors, and programs and policies related to medical expertise and consultation. The Department provided certain responsive records during the course of the appeal. The Department proved that certain records are exempt as internal predecisional deliberations and personal identification information. The Department failed to demonstrate that it conducted a good faith search for all responsive records. Granted in part, denied in part, and dismissed as moot in part.

Final Determination on Reconsideration:

Final Determination on Remand Outcome:

Appealed to a Higher Court:

Consolidated Cases:

Parties:

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Docket Entries

Date	Description	Party
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