SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department

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TP 19-00835

PRESENT: WHALEN, P.J., LINDLEY, DEJOSEPH, NEMOYER, AND TROUTMAN, JJ.

IN THE MATTER OF DENISE CHILSON-CLINE, PETITIONER,

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

SHEILA J. POOLE, ACTING COMMISSIONER, NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND EILEEN TIBERIO, COMMISSIONER, ONTARIO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, RESPONDENTS.

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LETITIA JAMES, ATTORNEY GENERAL, ALBANY (PATRICK A. WOODS OF COUNSEL), FOR RESPONDENT SHEILA J. POOLE, ACTING COMMISSIONER, NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

Proceeding pursuant to CPLR article 78 (transferred to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Fourth Judicial Department by order of the Supreme Court, Ontario County [Craig J. Doran, J.], dated May 1, 2019) to review a determination of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The determination denied petitioner's request that an indicated report maintained in the New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment be amended to unfounded.

It is hereby ORDERED that the determination is unanimously confirmed without costs and the petition is dismissed.

Memorandum: Petitioner commenced this CPLR article 78 proceeding to annul a determination, made after a fair hearing, denying her request to amend to unfounded an indicated report of child maltreatment and to seal that report. Contrary to petitioner's contention, the determination that she maltreated the subject children and that such maltreatment was relevant and reasonably related to employment in the childcare field is rational (see Matter of Natasha W. v New York State Off. of Children & Family Servs., 32 NY3d 982, 984 [2018]) and supported by substantial evidence (see Matter of Lauren v New York State Off. of Children & Family Servs., 147 AD3d 1322, 1322-1323 [4th Dept 2017]). We therefore confirm the determination and dismiss the petition.

Entered: November 8, 2019 Mark W. Bennett Clerk of the Court