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### **CAMP Rehoboth Proudly Names Dr. Kim Leisey as New Executive Director *Makes history as the first cisgender lesbian to lead organization in its nearly 33-year history***

MAY 11, 2023 – REHOBOTH BEACH, DE— CAMP Rehoboth Community Center, a trusted presence serving the needs of LGBTQ+ people in Rehoboth Beach, greater Sussex County, and across the state of Delaware through local and statewide programming and advocacy, proudly announces Dr. Kim Leisey as the organization’s next Executive Director. The appointment of Dr. Leisey, a Lewes resident since December 2020 and a Rehoboth Beach visitor since the early 1990s, marks the first time CAMP Rehoboth will be led by a cisgender lesbian in its 33-year history. She will join the CAMP Rehoboth team on July 10, 2023.

In her three decades of service to the State of Maryland in Student Affairs at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), Dr. Leisey rose through the ranks to her most recent role as Senior Associate Vice President of Student Affairs.

“After conducting a comprehensive national search, the Board of Directors selected Kim because of her widely-respected leadership in creating strong, healthy, and inclusive communities throughout her career,” said Wesley Combs, President of the LGBTQ+ community center’s Board of Directors and chair of the Executive Director Search Committee. “As a champion for all things that help humans to thrive during their lifespan, combined with extensive experience with human resources, facilities, health and safety, and operations at UMBC, Kim is the exact person to help strengthen the CAMP Rehoboth of today and into the future,” added Combs.

This Executive Director search was conducted by Johnny Cooper of Cooper Coleman LLC, who were selected after an RFP process that included five firms. Cooper Coleman is an LGBT-owned, full-service, executive recruiting, fundraising, and social impact consulting firm partnering exclusively with nonprofit organizations, social enterprises, foundations, and research and academic institutions to drive meaningful growth.

“I am honored to be working with the amazing team at the CAMP Rehoboth Community Center. My leadership will honor the important and beautiful legacy of Steve Elkins and Murray Archibald. The foundation they have created is strong and powerful. Together with the staff, the Board and community, CAMP Rehoboth will continue to offer advocacy, support, and connections among our LGBTQ+ community and our friends and neighbors throughout Sussex County and Delaware at large. CAMP Rehoboth will continue to add to the vibrant communities at the beaches and beyond. Together we will create a place that includes all and fosters real connections. Together we will thrive, I can’t wait to meet everyone!” said Kim.



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Kim will lead CAMP Rehoboth as the organization fulfills its mission to create a positive environment inclusive of all sexual orientations and gender identities in Rehoboth Beach, greater Sussex County, and throughout the state of Delaware. Hiring Dr. Leisey is the latest milestone in CAMP Rehoboth's multi-phased transition process that includes creating a three-to-five-year strategic plan being supported by MMP Associates. "Dr. Leisey will play a pivotal role in the completion, and execution of CAMP Rehoboth's new strategic plan," said Combs.

"Kim Leisey is one of the most impressive leaders with whom I've worked over the past four decades. She brings the rare combination of both strong analytical and social skills, coupled with impressive emotional intelligence. Clearly, the search committee made the best choice," said Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President Emeritus of UMBC who served as president from 1992 to 2022.

Kim replaces Interim Director Lisa Evans, whose nonprofit and government experience leading transformational change was largely responsible for stabilizing operations and improving processes over the last 13 months. "CAMP Rehoboth is once again the heart of the community, a place where people gather, celebrate, and feel welcome thanks to Lisa's leadership. The Board of Directors, staff and our entire community owes a debt of gratitude to Lisa for her decision to come out of retirement during this time of transition," said Combs.

"I am very excited about what is possible at CAMP Rehoboth knowing someone of Dr. Leisey's caliber will be taking the helm," said Interim Director Lisa Evans. "Dr. Leisey's experience overseeing health programs and services, teaching safety and protection skills, supporting older adults, and renovating university facilities make her the ideal person to assume the role of executive director at this juncture in the organization's path to the future" added Evans.

For more information about CAMP Rehoboth's new Executive Director Dr. Kim Leisey, please contact Board President Wesley Combs at [wes@camprehoboth.com](mailto:wes@camprehoboth.com).

### **About CAMP Rehoboth Community Center**

CAMP Rehoboth, which stands for (Creating A More Positive) Rehoboth, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit LGBTQ+ community service organization and is the largest and only organization of its type serving the needs of LGBTQ+ people in Rehoboth, greater Sussex County, and throughout the state of Delaware. CAMP Rehoboth is dedicated to creating a positive environment inclusive of all sexual orientations and gender identities in Rehoboth Beach and its related communities. It seeks to promote cooperation and understanding among all people as they work to build a safer community with room for all.

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