Dear Community Members,

We are pleased to have been able to host the community feedback sessions relating to the agency’s name change. We’ve appreciated the passion and interest shown and recognize how changing the name of CAMP is extraordinarily difficult for some.

We have carefully recorded the feedback provided to us by all who lent their voices to the sessions. Our intention is to learn from these concerns and find ways to continue to interact fully with our community as we move into the future. Our commitment to reviewing and working with the issues brought forth in the meetings is without question. We would like to remind everyone that the core programs of the agency will remain the same and new programs will be introduced to meet the needs expressed by our clients.

We will continue to be a gathering place where community action, social services and advocacy organizations come together to discuss issues that impact our clients, as well as galvanize around issues that impact the Central Area and poverty citywide. We are taking steps to accurately preserve the rich history of the agency while welcoming the opportunity to expand our programs and funding as part of our revitalization.

We hope that the energy expressed in these meetings will manifest into forward-thinking community change focused on reducing the burdens of poverty in every Seattle neighborhood, including the Central Area.

As a result of the concerns expressed by many, we are creating a “Legacy Plan” that will allow everyone to share stories about their experiences with Central Area Motivation Program (CAMP). We’d love to have everyone who has been involved with our agency throughout the many decades tell the world about their experiences as a member of this community. We are currently delving into CAMP’s history and its founding documents, archived at the University of Washington, and we look forward to sharing those with the community as a part of our Legacy Plan. We will be expanding the work of Ivan King, previous CAMP historian, by making his booklet on the first twenty-five years of CAMP an even grander record of the full forty-eight years of agency history.

Please submit your CAMP stories, your feedback, and your ideas to stories@campseattle.org. We will be reading every email and integrating your stories into the narrative of the agency.

Sincerely,
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Board President