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## Eating Disorders Coalition Elects New Leadership for 2019-2020 Term

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 15, 2019) — At the beginning of 2019, the Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC) Board of Directors welcomed new executive leadership for the organization. Chase Bannister, MDIV, MSW, LCSW, CEDS has been elected to serve as Board President for a two-year term alongside Board Vice President Molly McShane, MD, MPH, CEDS.



Chase Bannister, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and CEO/Principal of Bannister Consultancy, is a prominent figure in the architecture of mental health, recognized for his commitment to clinical excellence in the treatment of eating disorders and advancement of meaningful healthcare policy through advocacy and strategic engagement. He has offered expert guidance to the Food & Drug Administration, the National Institute of Mental Health, the White House, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Women's Health and has provided testimony to the U.S. Department of Labor on access to care. Bannister founded and served as the Chief Strategy & Clinical Integrity Officer of Veritas Collaborative, a specialty healthcare system for the treatment of eating disorders. He has held roles as Clinical Director and founding clinician of Carolina House, a residential treatment center for eating disorders. Bannister completed his clinical training at Duke University's Counseling & Psychological Services and Duke University Medical Center Infectious Disease Clinic. Bannister holds a Master of Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Master of Divinity from Duke University, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wofford College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Language & Literature. Bannister is the recipient of The Arthur B. & Ida Maie Rivers Award for Integrity, Virtue, Gentleness & Character and The L. Harris Chewning Award for Scholarly Achievement and Intellectual & Moral Integrity.

"Now more than ever, we hold fast to the claim that the vital enterprise of re-nourishing bodies and minds is and must be a *together* sort of affair," said **new EDC Board President, Chase Bannister, MDIV, MSW, LCSW, CEDS**. "We must all be at the table of eating disorder recovery, early intervention, and prevention—family members, patients, clinicians, referring providers, advocates, researchers, teachers, universities, policy-makers, thought-leaders, and friends. At this table, we unleash an unspeakably powerful force to aid those courageous persons doing the profoundly exigent work of recovery. Our commitment—one with another—could very well be the inflection point to save untold lives."

Molly McShane, MD, MPH, CEDS is double-board certified in Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine, serving as the Medical Director of Monte Nido and Affiliates and overseeing eating disorders treatment at 20 facilities across the country. She has trained hundreds of medical students and resident physicians to early identify eating disorders and presented at numerous medical conferences on the topic. Dr. McShane has also served as a psychiatrist at The Watershed Addiction Treatment Program in Delray Beach, Florida, a psychiatrist at the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Division within the Miami Veterans Affairs Hospital, Chief Resident Physician at Jackson Memorial Hospital—one of the largest hospitals in the U.S., and Resident in Internal Medicine at University



of Virginia Health System. Dr. McShane is a recipient of the Laughlin Fellowship and Ginsberg Fellowship, is a Certified Eating Disorders Specialist, a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and Assistant Professor at Florida International University College of Medicine. Dr. McShane holds a Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Health from the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Duke University.

“I am honored to serve as Vice President of the EDC, alongside Chase and the rest of the EDC family of advocates as we continue to work strategically with Congress to raise awareness about eating disorders, improve access to care, and to increase funding for research, education, trainings and prevention,” said **new EDC Board Vice President, Molly McShane, MD, MPH, CEDS**. “Since beginning my career in public health twenty years ago, I have advocated to increase access to healthcare for my patients at the city, state, and national levels. Every day I meet with patients and families who face challenges in securing insurance coverage for needed eating disorder treatment—this should not happen. I am committed to fighting for all individuals with eating disorders at the federal level as we advance our EDC goals in 2019.”

**The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC)** is a Washington, D.C.-based, federal advocacy organization comprised of treatment providers, advocacy organizations, academics, parents of children with eating disorders and people experiencing eating disorders nationwide. Additional resources can also be found at [www.eatingdisorderscoalition.org](http://www.eatingdisorderscoalition.org).

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