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EDC Elects New Leadership for the 2019-2020 Term

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. 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. McShane 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.

Learn more about the EDC's new leadership [here](#).

EDC's Annual 2019 Advocacy Day is May 7th—Join Us in Washington, D.C.

Last fall we surveyed the EDC community to identify our next policy initiative. After receiving over 300 responses, the majority identified “coverage of all eating disorders in all insurance plans” as the number one priority. Our Advocacy Day will focus on gaining coverage for outpatient nutrition counseling for eating disorders under Medicare and protecting provisions in the Affordable Care Act that affect Americans with the serious mental illness of eating disorders and their families.

Registration is open through April 10 and you can register [here](#) and learn more about our annual advocacy day [here](#).

Department of Labor “Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Roundtable”

Last month, the EDC participated in a roundtable hosted by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to discuss the ongoing successes, challenges, and best practices as it relates to the continuing implementation of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA). Other stakeholders at the meeting included federal and state agencies, health provider associations, patient advocacy organizations, legal advocacy organizations, and insurers. The DOL is committed to providing guidance and regulation as non-compliance continues to be an issue and fulfill the promise of mental health parity.

You can read our latest public comment submission to DOL last June [here](#).

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week—February 25 – March 3

The EDC is coordinating with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Women's Health for the upcoming National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Stay tuned for additional information!

Launch of the National Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders

The National Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders (NCEED) is dedicated to educating and training healthcare providers on the evidence-based management of eating disorders and improving eating disorder awareness among the public. NCEED's mission is closely tied to the Anna Westin Act provisions within 21st Century Cures and Mental Health Reform Act and is thus poised to have meaningful and lasting impact on the ability for individuals with eating disorders to be detected and provided with evidence-based treatment. This week's launch is the first in a series of programming phases for NCEED and will offer an initial set of resources for healthcare providers and the public as well as information on upcoming events of interest. Subsequent phases will provide online trainings, interactive webinars, and a mechanism for submitting technical assistance requests. Learn more at their website, <https://www.nceedus.org/>.

Anna Westin Act Trainings for Health Professionals Continue with Upcoming May Webinar

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Primary Care Training and Enhancement Officers at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are working on the development of a webinar on eating disorders treatment during May Mental Health Month. The webinar will include information related to gaps in eating disorders care; potential signs, symptoms and screening options for eating disorders; tools to help providers refer to the right resource; and the impact eating disorders have on an individual's health and society as a whole.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Women's Health meeting "How to Talk About Healthy Weight and Healthy Eating: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue on Messaging to Promote Health Behaviors and Positive Body Image"

The EDC is looking forward to participating at the March 29 meeting entitled, "How to Talk About Healthy Weight and Healthy Eating: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue on Messaging to Promote Health Behaviors and Positive Body Image" hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Women's Health (OWH). The purpose of the meeting is to convene national experts on weight-related stigma, eating disorders, and obesity prevention to discuss appropriate messaging about healthy eating, healthy weight, and positive body image.

Eating Disorders Coalition Joins I Am Essential Coalition

The [I Am Essential Coalition](#) is led by the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), AIDS Institute and the Epilepsy Foundation. The mission of I Am Essential is to protect essential health benefit protections (including mental health and substance use disorder benefits), low out-of-pocket costs, transparency and non-discrimination. We look forward to partnering with the coalition on many of their important health initiatives.

Thank you to our members who support EDC's successful policy efforts!

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Timberline Knolls

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Eating Disorder Hope
Inner Door Center
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Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association
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Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders
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