



## Eating Disorders Coalition Board President Presents at the National Advisory Mental Health Council

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 19, 2019)—The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy and Action (EDC) Board President presents oral comments today at the National Advisory Mental Health Council (NAMHC) 257<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The NAMHC plays an integral role in advising the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the Director of National Institutes of Health; and the Director of National Institute of Mental Health on policies and programs that support mental health research, research training and other programs of NIH.

“It is a privilege for the Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy and Action to speak to esteemed members of the National Advisory Mental Health Council on behalf of those we serve,” said Chase Bannister, MDIV, MSW, LCSW, CEDS, Board President of the Eating Disorders Coalition. “For too long, research funding for eating disorders has been an order of magnitude away from what’s necessary. Meaningful progress in eating disorders treatment and intervention will only be realized to the extent we meaningfully invest in its science. We call upon the NIH—and all who make or shape policy—to invest in eating disorders research. To do what’s necessary.”

The full remarks on behalf of the EDC can be read [here](#). For additional information on NAMHC and review past meeting content you can click [here](#).

*The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC) is a Washington, DC-based, federal advocacy organization comprised of advocacy organizations, academics, treatment providers, family/loved ones of children with eating disorders and people experiencing eating disorders nationwide. The EDC advances the recognition of eating disorders as a public health priority throughout the United States. EDC member organizations include the Academy for Eating Disorders, Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics, Bannister Consultancy, Cambridge Eating Disorder Center, Center for Change, Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt, Clementine, Donahue Foundation, Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI), Eating Disorders Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital, Eating Disorder Hope, Eating Disorder Therapy LA, Eating Recovery Center, The Emily Program, Families Empowered and Supporting Treatment of Eating Disorders (F.E.A.S.T.), Focus Treatment Center, Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation, International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals (iaedp), International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians, Laureate Eating Disorders Program, Monte Nido, Mothers Against Eating Disorders, Mirasol Eating Disorder Recovery Center, Moonshadow’s Spirit, Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association, National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Eating Disorders, Oliver-Pyatt Centers, Park Nicollet Melrose Center, Project HEAL, Reasons Eating Disorder Center, Renfrew Center, Residential Eating Disorders Consortium, Rosewood Center for Eating Disorders, Stay Strong Virginia, Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED), Timberline Knolls, Veritas Collaborative, Walden Behavioral Care, Wrobel & Smith PLLP, and WithAll. Additional resources can also be found at [www.eatingdisorderscoalition.org](http://www.eatingdisorderscoalition.org).*

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