



The Eating Disorders Coalition Welcomes Schuyler Bailar & Dr. Kimberly Dennis to Board of Directors

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 10, 2020) – The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC) is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to its Board of Directors, Schuyler Bailar, inclusion, body-positivity and mental health advocate, and Dr. Kim Dennis, Medical Director, CEO and Co-founder of SunCloud Health.



Schuyler Bailar first gained public attention as a swimmer for the Harvard College swimming and diving team when he became the first openly transgender athlete to compete in an NCAA Division 1 sport. After graduating from Harvard College in May 2019 with a degree in Cognitive Neuroscience and Evolutionary Psychology, Bailar has focused on activism. He currently serves in advisory roles with Plume, the first trans-specific healthcare provider; American Eagle AExME Council; and as a Fellow with Monte Nido & Affiliates to shape their gender-inclusive care. As Founder & CEO of Pinkmantaray LLC, Bailar offers consulting services for individuals, educational institutions, and corporations. He maintains his ties with his alma mater as a research affiliate working on a study examining the effects of hormones on cognition.

“I’m excited to join the EDC Board of Directors in 2021 and provide my perspective and voice to this organization,” says Bailar. “The intersection of eating disorders and gender identity are often not discussed as countless individuals suffer in silence. In order to be an effective advocate, we need to work on uplifting these stories and experiences, and I will continue to work hard to push for that amplification as a member of the board.”



Dr. Kimberly Dennis co-founded SunCloud Health in 2016 as a private outpatient treatment center for men and women affected by eating disorders, addiction, mood disorder, trauma, and PTSD. Prior to the founding of SunCloud Health, Dr. Dennis served as the CEO and Medical Director at Timberline Knolls. She is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating eating disorders and addictions, and in doing so combines her medical training with her own experience as a person who has recovered from an eating disorder and alcoholism.

Dr. Dennis received her medical degree from the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine, and is a member of the American Medical Association, the Academy for Eating Disorders, the American Academy for Addiction Psychiatry, and the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

“As a longtime member of the eating disorders treatment community, I understand and appreciate the importance of the EDC,” says Dr. Dennis. “I’m eager to collaborate with my EDC colleagues to continue the important work of making eating disorders a public health priority in the United States.”

“We are thrilled to welcome the expertise and experiences of Dr. Kimberly Dennis and Schuyler Bailar to the EDC Board of Directors,” says EDC Board President Chase Bannister, MDIV, MSW, LCSW, CEDS. “Undoubtedly, their lived experiences and gifts of wisdom will inspire and embolden our work on behalf of all those whom we serve. The EDC takes its charge as the central voice on Capitol Hill for the field of eating disorders with resoluteness of heart, and we are the better for having Schulyer and Kim with us on the journey.”

Schuyler Bailar and Dr. Kim Dennis begin their three-year terms on November 12, 2020.

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. Additional resources can also be found at eatingdisorderscoalition.org.

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