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Note from Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne, PQMD Executive Director

Happy July!

July is Guidelines Month at PQMD! PQMD's Guidelines for Quality Medical Donations are our signature product and the bedrock of our organization. They are developed and continuously audited by our members to ensure that the highest quality standards are met in the delivery of medical donations around the world. Our Guidelines Committee celebrated Guidelines Month with a LinkedIn campaign including short videos and posts from committee members reflecting the importance of the Guidelines in their work and for the world. If you don't already follow us on LinkedIn, please do! You can see those videos and posts on our feed [here](#)!

Our Guidelines Committee also led an excellent Pillar Talk last week on impact and sustainability. If you missed it, I encourage you to watch the [recording](#). The discussion highlighted the work of PQMD members to promote sustainability in the landscape of finite resources and focus on quality metrics to help demonstrate impact.

Our Guidelines are an open-source, public-good available [here](#). If your organization or company is involved in medical donations, I encourage you to access and employ not only our Guidelines, but all our other tools and resources designed to achieve a world in which there is universal access to health and well-being.

Also of note, enrollment is now open for the next session of PQMD's Global Health and Development Essentials Course! This will be the 9th time we have presented this course, and we continue to receive rave reviews from past students on both the content and the presenters. The 2 hour a week, 8-week executive survey course will kick off September 25th and is designed as an introduction and orientation to international development policies and practices for anyone interested in the global health field. This foundational understanding of the landscape has proved extremely valuable for our members and partners alike.

Finally, some notes for PQMD members, the Collaboration & Learning Forum will be here before you know it! Visit the [CoP](#) to learn more, see a preliminary agenda and find information to help you begin to make your travel arrangements. The event is an opportunity for a robust exchange of ideas, where the PQMD community continues to grow sustainability and improve resilience together. Registration and a complete agenda with speaker details will be available soon!

Hope you are having an opportunity to enjoy some summer fun.

GUIDELINES

July 2024



PQMD Celebrates Guidelines Month in July

In July, PQMD celebrated, shared and reinforced the value of our [Guidelines for Quality Medical Donations](#). PQMD's guidelines ensure that international protocols for the delivery of donated medical products are followed and inform work in supplying critical donated medical products, devices and services to those in need across the globe.

As part of our communications efforts, we launched a Guidelines Week campaign the week of July 15-19 where we shared resources and videos on [LinkedIn](#) from members of PQMD's Guidelines Committee explaining how their organizations value and utilize the guidelines. Additionally, we shared links to PQMD's wide array of resources including our [Guidelines at a Glance](#) and [Interactive Guidelines Module](#). We also shared the latest additions to our Guidelines portfolio: our [Medical Missions Guidelines](#) and [Rare Disease Guidelines](#).

You can find all our Guideline resources on PQMD's website [here](#).

Member Meet Ups in Chicago and NYC in September!



We are excited to announce a couple upcoming unique opportunities for our members to come together and connect in-person in Chicago and New York City! Whether you are based in the area or will be there on business, we invite you to join us on September 12th for lunch in the Chicago/Deerfield area and/or September 22nd at 4:00 pm in NYC.

These informal gatherings will be opportunities to unwind, enjoy some refreshments, and network with fellow members in relaxed settings. The exact locations are TBD. *If you are interested in attending either meet-up or would like more information, please contact [Gretchen Warwick](#).*



GLOBAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT ESSENTIALS

8 MODULES



Introduction to Global Health & Health Disparities Around the World



Approaches & Trends in Global Health & Sustained Development Assistance



Global Health Actors & Frameworks for Global Health Engagement



Infectious Disease Outbreaks & Pandemics



Health Systems & Health System Constraints in Low/Middle-Income Countries



Other Emergency Response & Disaster Relief Efforts



Climate and Environmental Impacts on Public Health Outcomes

NEW



Medical Product Donations in Global Health

Fall/Winter 2024 Session Enrolling Now!

The course will be presented on Wednesdays at noon (ET)
in eight modules over nine weeks:
September 25-November 20, 2024
skipping October 23.

An 8-Week Executive Survey Course for professionals and students in the global health space.

PQMD's Global Health & Development Essentials course is an introduction and orientation to international development policies and practices. Participants will gain an improved understanding of the global health policy environment in low- and lower-middle-income countries; learn about the global frameworks and key players providing sustained humanitarian assistance and response for global health and health systems; explore the dynamics and coordination of international disaster and pandemic response, and understand complexities of medical product donation programs within these contexts and existing frameworks. **Learn more on PQMD's website [here](#).**

Complimentary for official PQMD member representatives!

Learn More & Register Now!



Members, we hope to see you soon in Texas!

We are just a few months away from the 2024 Collaboration & Learning Forum, and we are excited to see so many of you soon! We are still in the planning phases, but hopefully the [preliminary details available here on the members-only CoP](#) will be helpful as you start to make travel arrangements and plan for your trip to Texas. *Official registration and speaker details will follow soon.*

This year's CLF will be hosted by Mercy Ships, and will be held in Lindale, Texas October 22-24.

Stay Informed!

Be sure to follow us on [LinkedIn](#) or one of our other social channels to get the latest, most up-to-date information on our Pillar Talks, courses, events, and resources.



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

July 25, 2024, • 11:00 am EST



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PQMD Holds PQMD Pillar Talk - Impact & Sustainability: Setting & Achieving Incremental Goals when Funding is Finite

On July 25th, PQMD held a Pillar Talk, **Impact & Sustainability: Setting & Achieving Incremental Goals when Funding is Finite**. Sustainability is the cornerstone of development work – and the most successful solutions not only address health, but also incorporate environmental, social, and economic outcome goals. Development partners are investing together in long-term viability of relevant standards, best practices, consistent results, and community resilience. These strategies are particularly effective with local insight and collaborative assessments that ultimately build trusted long-term relationships. This approach takes time, focus and alignment in design, planning, measurement, and goal setting, along with a consistent and predictable source of funding. While donors understand the challenges of achieving impact within a predetermined funding cycle, this is often at odds with the realities on the ground. Implementing a program and reporting on progress and successes often does not match up with donor reporting demands. As such, setting realistic and time-bound goals is essential not only to demonstrate success but also to keep the funding tap turned on.

The Pillar Talk provided an opportunity to hear what PQMD members and their partners are doing within this landscape to set goals, achieve success and show sustainable impact.

If you missed this important Pillar Talk, [view the recording here!](#)

PQMD Holds Coffee Chat: Measuring Organizations Disaster Response Impact

Responding to disasters requires an all-hands-on deck approach for humanitarian organizations. Capturing and understanding the impact of response work has long been challenging, given the undisputed priorities of response efforts. As the frequency and scale of global disaster events continues to grow, how should organizations deepen the understanding and measurement around the impact of their work? As the world copes with response in the era of poly-crises, does our evaluation thinking need to change?

On July 16th, MedShare's Director of Programs and Partnerships, Jason Chernock facilitated this informal members-only discussion to shed light on members' impact measurement strategies.

PQMD members can stay abreast on future Coffee Chats on the members-only [CoP](#).

Heart to Heart Leads PQMD Working Group on Hygiene Kit Best Practices

On July 11th, Heart to Heart International led a PQMD working group on hygiene kitting best practices. This working group is meeting every other month for 90 minutes.

Participants included representatives from PQMD members organizations and a Tufts University representative. The group discussed menstrual care product distribution, challenges and considerations. Members provided examples of what they distribute, successful local purchasing options and PQMD provided a toolkit from IFRC. The group also discussed a research project led by Tufts to assess the effectiveness of the distribution of hygiene kits and impacts among affected populations.

If you are interested in participating in this important working group, please contact [Brian Sink](#) or [Juliemarie Vander Burg](#).



Baxter Releases its 2023 Corporate Responsibility Report

PQMD member, Baxter, recently released their 2023 Corporate Responsibility Report outlining progress toward their 2030 Corporate Responsibility Commitment and Goals.

Baxter has a longstanding commitment to transparent reporting. Disclosures in their annual Corporate Responsibility Report reference the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) reporting framework and are reflected in their Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Index. Baxter also now reports against the framework established by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures annually in their Corporate Responsibility Report.

Read the 2023 Corporate Responsibility Report on Baxter's website [here](#).



ChildFund International Devex Article: How Youth Voices are Driving Change in their Communities

Devex spoke to a youth activist who is part of ChildFund's International's Youth Voice Now group in Indonesia to discuss what role young people play in driving change in their communities. In the face of a crisis in Indonesia, a new wave of young voices is rising up. Organizations such as ChildFund International are providing platforms for youth to raise their concerns and propose solutions.

Read the full article on [Devex](#).



Providing Faster Care and Better Outcomes with Laboratory Program at Will-Grundy Medical Clinic

Will Grundy Medical Clinic (WGMC) in Joliet, Illinois, provides free healthcare services to low-income residents of Will and Grundy counties who lack access to medical care.

This year, WGMC was selected as one of six recipients of a point-of-care on-site lab installation through Heart to Heart International's collaborative grant program with BD, National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, and Henry Schein Cares. HHI traveled to WGMC in June to install the lab equipment and provide training for clinic staff. This exciting development will transform how WGMC serves its patients.

Previously, WGMC relied on sending diagnostic tests to external labs, often causing delays in receiving results. This process often means additional appointments and patient frustration. With the new on-site lab, WGMC can now perform a wide range of tests, including those for chronic conditions prevalent among their patients, within the same visit.

Read the full article on Heart to Heart International's website [here](#).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEB

[We Must Safeguard the Health of Haiti's Women and Girls](#)

Global Health Now

[How a brother's illness spurred a plan to get mental health on the agenda across Africa](#)

The Guardian

[Dozens of sick, injured children medically evacuated from Gaza](#)

ABCNews

[UN official describes total devastation in Carriacou following Hurricane Beryl](#)

UN News

[Attacks on Sudan's hospitals, clinics put millions at risk](#)

NPR

[Conflicts and Humanitarian Crises Stall Global Immunisation of Children](#)

Health Policy Watch

[Why Saudi Arabia is spending millions on hearing aids for Syrian refugees](#)

The Telegraph

[Socialized for Scarcity: Surgical Care in Tanzania's Remote Refugee Camps](#)

Global Health Now

Upcoming Events

[UN Summit of the Future](#)

September 22-23, 2024

[2024 Concordia Annual Summit](#)

September 23-25, 2024;
New York City

[Devex World](#)

October 24, 2024;
Washington D.C.

Meetings [2024 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Spring](#)

October 25-27, 2024;
Washington D.C.

[2024 UN Climate Change Conference](#)

November 11-22, 2024;
Azerbaijan



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Next Month's Theme: PQMD Resources