



A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director

As summer winds down, I'm energized by the momentum across our network and the exciting opportunities ahead for PQMD.

First, our **August Pillar Talk** has been rescheduled to **September 9th** - and this fortuitous shift has allowed us to secure an extraordinary panel lineup. We can't wait to dive into this timely discussion on digital mental health with such a distinguished group of experts. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Looking to later in September, PQMD leadership will be in **New York City** for UNGA and the [Concordia Annual Summit](#), where we are honored to co-host a roundtable with **International Medical Corps** on *The Future of Global Health and Humanitarian Response*. In a moment when humanitarian crises are rising while global health financing is projected to fall by more than 50% through 2030, this session will gather leaders from across sectors to examine how we can sustain progress, diversify resources, and strengthen health systems in crisis-affected settings. ***If you will also be in NYC, please let us know - we'd love to connect.***

Meanwhile, planning is in full swing for our "members only" October **Collaboration & Learning Forum (CLF)**. Registration is underway and it promises to be an exceptional gathering as we officially kick off PQMD's 25th anniversary celebration. I'm also delighted to share that dates are now set for the **2026 Global Health Policy Forum in New York City, April 28–30, 2026**. Please mark your calendars!

With our signature programs planning underway, our **25th Anniversary** campaign building momentum, and upcoming **Member Meet-Ups** scheduled in New York and Washington, D.C. there are many fresh opportunities for collaboration across our network. There has never been a better time to be part of PQMD. The fourth quarter of 2025 will be full of challenges and exciting times. Thank you to our members, to our partners, and to those who we work with around the world to advance access to health worldwide.



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PQMD at 25 Years: From Foundation to Frontier 

Registration Now Open for PQMD's 2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum!

Members, join us this October at Amgen's campus in Thousand Oaks, CA as we celebrate PQMD's 25-year legacy and confront the complex realities shaping the future of global health. This year's CLF will bring members together to explore rising needs, shifting funding, supply chain friction, climate shocks, and more - all through the lens of shared partnership and innovation. Be part of the conversation that will help what's next for PQMD and our collective impact. *Keep an eye out for the preliminary agenda coming soon!*

[Learn more & register now!](#)

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RESCHEDULED! Pillar Talk - Beyond the Hype: The Digital Mental Health Debate

Join us for a timely discussion on the promise and pitfalls of digital mental health tools in global settings. As innovation accelerates, questions around evidence, equity, and impact grow louder. This session will explore how to move from prototypes to real, scalable solutions - and highlight emerging global efforts to build a stronger mental health architecture ahead of the 2025 UN High-Level Meeting on Mental Health. [Learn more and register now.](#)



We are pleased to welcome [Dr. Derek Yach](#) to the [PQMD Advisory Board](#). A global health leader with more than four decades of experience, Dr. Yach has shaped landmark initiatives in prevention and public health and brings invaluable expertise as PQMD celebrates its 25th anniversary and looks to the future.



Want to help celebrate PQMD's 25-year legacy?

We're inviting friends, partners, and supporters to help mark this milestone by contributing a **short video message for our 25th anniversary celebration!** Share your best wishes, favorite memory, proudest PQMD moment, or hopes for the future.

[Upload your video here.](#) It's quick and easy!



***Complimentary
for official PQMD
member representatives!***

PQMD's **Global Health & Development Essentials course is now enrolling** for our Winter 2025 session. The 8-week executive survey course for professionals and students in the global health space offers a comprehensive introduction and orientation to international development policies and practices. Participants will gain an understanding of the global health policy environment; the global frameworks and key players providing sustained humanitarian assistance and response for global health and health systems; the dynamics and coordination of international disaster and pandemic response; and the complexities of medical product donation

programs within these contexts and existing frameworks. [Learn more & enroll today!](#)



PQMD Member Meet-Ups – [RSVP Today!](#)

Members, you're invited to join us for our upcoming casual, cocktail-style gatherings to connect, catch up, and enjoy time together:

- **Sunday, September 21 at 4:00 PM in New York City** (Times Square - [RSVP by September 5th](#))
- **Wednesday, November 19 at 1:00 PM in Washington, D.C.** (Location TBD - [RSVP to save the date](#)).



Do you or your colleagues work in disaster response and recovery? Don't miss the launch of the new [Domestic Disaster Response & Recovery Member Interest Group](#), born out of July's Disaster All-Call! The first meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 4 at 1:00 PM ET**.

This group is open exclusively to PQMD member representatives and staff. If you'd like to join - or know a colleague in your organization who should - please complete [this short interest form](#). Be part of shaping this important new space for collaboration!



This month's **Coffee Chat: Mental Health on the Frontlines of Crisis** brought members together for a candid discussion on the challenges and opportunities of delivering mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian and disaster settings. Participants shared practical strategies, reflected on common obstacles, and exchanged new ideas for strengthening MHPSS programs globally. These casual convenings continue to be a valued members-only space for connection, peer learning, and collaboration across our diverse network.



We're excited to share that PQMD's **events calendar** is now live on our website! Visitors to pqmd.org can now explore upcoming forums, webinars, meetings, and member activities that advance collaboration and dialogue in the global health space. [Check it out here!](#)

Note: Current member reps enjoy automatic registration to all reoccurring events.



Do you know an outstanding **company or NGO** making a real impact in global health or humanitarian response? We're always looking to grow our network with mission-aligned partners who bring fresh perspectives and shared commitment to access, equity, and collaboration. If someone comes to mind, **let's chat** - we'd love to connect! [Contact Jill Pall, PQMD Senior Director, Membership, today!](#)



We have started spotlighting the incredible work of one of our member organizations during our new **PQMD Member Monday LinkedIn feature campaign**. [Check out our LinkedIn page to catch up on posted highlights!](#) Members, if you have a preference for when you'd like to be highlighted or what you'd like us to focus on related to global health observances or themes, we'd love to hear. Please reach out to [Sam MacDonald](#) for more details or to submit your case study. We look forward to celebrating your work!

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Next Month's Theme:

Disaster Response, Preparedness & Resilience