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Vanessa Kerry is the founder and CEO of Global Health Service Corps, a non-profit that partners with the Peace Corps to build capacity of developing country health systems by deploying health professionals as educators. She is also a physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and serves as the Associate Director of Partnerships and Global Initiatives at the hospital's Center for Global Health. Academically, she spearheads the program in Global Public Policy and Social Change in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Her interest focuses on investments in human resources for health and capacity-building to strengthen public sector health systems in resource poor settings. Her work has included the grassroots effort which lead to the Global Health Service Corps, as well as looking at novel ways for U.S. foreign assistance to fund health efforts, which improve efficiency of aid delivery, develop capacity, and enhance national sovereignty. Her publications include "An International Service Corps for Health: A New Prescription for Diplomacy" in the New England Journal of Medicine and "...One for Doctors Too," a New York Times opinion piece published in 2010. She was recently invited by the State Department to write and speak on investments in global health.

She graduated from Yale University summa cum laude and Harvard Medical School cum laude, completing her Internal Medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. She earned her Master's in Health Policy, Planning, and Financing from the London Schools of Economics and of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.