The MSG Group has a very active and positive membership; the group meets the third Friday of every other month.

- MSG Consumer Star 2009 is Mickey Dowling, we also recognized 2 champions – Vicky Sands and Victoria Baca.

- Members of the MSG Group have been creating an Orientation for new MSG Members, MSG Committee Leads as well as BHPC Subcommittee representatives. This orientation is almost finalized and the first orientation is scheduled for March 3, 2010. Once finalized, this will be made available to other LC’s, as well as the state.

- The MSG Provider Committee has been working on prevention strategies around youth substance use/abuse. Subgroups are being created to work on awareness, social activities in community, interventions, and social marketing.

- Follow up work continues on the Quality Service Review pilot that was conducted in Las Vegas this summer. A small core work group has been reviewing the recommendations and prioritizing actions.

- MSG hosts a remote site for participation in the BHPC Subcommittee meetings each month. Representatives and others are able to join in via tele-conference and web at the San Miguel Health Council Office in Las Vegas.

- Regarding the low Cost or no cost recommendations to maximize integration/coordination of resources to support systems of care:
  Members of the MSG Group/LC4 believe strongly that there should not be any cuts made to the public health division such – especially those that may affect school based health centers or community health centers; this would affect direct services, especially in rural areas and result in increases in health care costs in the future.

  MSG supports HB44 - Making Health Education a Graduation Requirement for NM high school students.

  We propose the dissolution of the planning council. The process of having a Purchasing Collaborative, Planning Council and Local Collaboratives is disjointed and inefficient. Information does not flow smoothly between the entities and “local” input rarely exists. The amount of resources currently being allocated to this system is wasteful in a time of economic belt tightening. Less resources are required for the maintenance of LCs, with more of a focus on local priorities and input.