



## Message from the Project Directors Celia I. Kaye, MD, PhD & Kathryn Hassell, MD

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**October 2013**

Greetings!

This is the time for pumpkins, trick-or-treaters, corn candy, and frosty autumn nights by the fireplace. We hope you've been enjoying this beautiful season. We at MSGRC have been busy putting together our annual performance report for HRSA, which funds us. As our team has worked on this report, we are reminded of all the innovative and meaningful things you are doing for the families and providers who are part of our regional collaborative. November is the time for formal thanksgiving, but believe us, we are thankful for you now!

### Welcome our new Project Manager!

The MSGRC management team was also very thankful to welcome Connie Turney, our new project manager who joined us at Texas Health Institute this month. Connie graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. degree in Political Science/Public Administration from Texas State University and completed post-graduate work in Health Facility Administration. She has worked in both the public and private sectors, in strategic planning, health policy and health administration, which includes over 10 years experience managing large statewide projects. She most recently served as Project Director for the Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

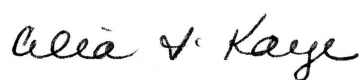
Connie is an avid runner who has logged more than 30,000 miles during her lifetime and continues to average 30 miles per week. Her other interests include gardening,

hiking, photography, and spending time with her family and friends.

With Connie on our team, we are now fully staffed to continue the work of MSGRC. We will continue with regular workgroup calls, conference calls with mini-project directors, activities with the National Coordinating Center, and planning for our annual meeting, which is now scheduled for February 6-8, 2014 in Phoenix, Arizona. Until we see you, bundle up if it's cold, get your flu shots, and send photos of yourselves having fun. We want to include them in these messages.

**MSGRC Annual Meeting Feb 6-8, 2014  
Save the date!**

Warm regards,



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