

## **Metropolitan Counseling Services Executive Director Announces Resignation**

With 15 stable years of operation and growth in place – the bulk of it under her leadership – MCS Executive Director, Kathie Thodeson, has announced her resignation, effective June 8, 2011. Serving in this position since 2002, Kathie has agreed to remain actively involved with the organization through December 2011.

Kathie Thodeson was named MCS' first Executive Director at the end of 2002. With vision, determination and energy, she led MCS through a period of dynamic growth. During her tenure, MCS client services increased 72%, and its budget increased 133%. Her successful focus on raising private support – an essential activity for nonprofits – also resulted in having charitable contributions grow from 28% to 58% of the organization's revenue. Most impressively, Kathie managed to affect much of this growth over the past five years, a period known to have experienced the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

“I've been part of the MCS family since 1999, first as a resident therapist, then as Executive Director. I'm proud of the stability and growth we've realized during this time. MCS has thrived because of its dedication to values that include working collaboratively-- both internally and in the community-- to help people transform their lives. I'm confident that MCS has the people and the processes in place to fulfill its mission and to expand its presence in the community. I will continue to offer my support and will enjoy MCS' future success,” said Kathie.