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SCAN, Inc. Names Dee Szyndrowski as New CEO

FORT WAYNE, Ind. – SCAN, Inc. (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) is pleased to announce Deanna Szyndrowski, MS, MBA, LMHC, as its new CEO, effective January 3, 2017. She will replace Rachel Tobin-Smith, MSW, LCSW, who has been SCAN's CEO since 1985.

In January, Tobin-Smith announced to the Board of Directors her intent to resign at the end of 2016. In the summer, a search committee was formed to find the most qualified candidate. The committee included members of SCAN's Board of Directors, members of the Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children's Board of Directors, and community members with significant involvement in the agency. Wanting to be as thorough as possible, the committee engaged a professional search firm to conduct a national search for SCAN's next CEO, who also serves as the Administrative Agent for the Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children.

"After six months of evaluating, interviewing, and deliberating, we're pleased to announce that we've selected Dee Szyndrowski as the next CEO of SCAN," said Judy Pursley, Board President of SCAN. "We feel Dee has not only the key skill set necessary to effectively perform as the CEO, but she also has the dedication to the mission of SCAN, a history of serving Indiana families, and commitment to SCAN's 227 staff members."

Dee Szyndrowski has over 15 years of experience serving the families of Indiana. She is currently the Administrator of Northern Indiana Preservation Services with SCAN. She served as the Area Director for the Institute for Family Centered Services/Indiana Mentor based out of Merrillville, as Associate Director and Mental Health Administrator and prior to that as Deputy Director of Program Services for Geminus Head Start based out of Merrillville, and as Program Supervisor for Tri-City Community Health Center based out of East Chicago. Her impressive educational background includes an MBA from Purdue University, an MS in Education from Purdue University, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Criminology from Indiana University. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the state of Indiana. Szyndrowski has a multitude of skill sets, including profit and loss oversight, financial analysis, efficiency strategies, consensus building, and budget development.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to continue building on the foundation that Rachel has set for SCAN and the mission and vision that we do," said Szyndrowski.

SCAN was founded in 1974 by a handful of dedicated community volunteers. In 1985 when Tobin-Smith was named Executive Director of SCAN, the agency served approximately 50 families in Allen County with a budget of \$28,000. The agency employed two people, including Tobin-Smith. As awareness of the horrors of child abuse increased in the 1980s and 1990s, child abuse reporting laws strengthened and SCAN expanded, hiring more staff members and increasing its geographic reach to serve more families. In 2016, 5,927 families were served, representing 18,822 individuals throughout 34 northern Indiana counties. The agency has a budget of \$17.6M and employs 227 staff members dedicated to the elimination of child abuse and neglect.

SCAN recognizes the incredible contribution of Rachel Tobin-Smith's 31 years of service as Executive Director, and enthusiastically welcomes Dee Szyndrowski as the incoming CEO.

About SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect)

Located at 500 W. Main Street, SCAN provides prevention and preservation services for children and families who are victims of or are at-risk for child abuse and neglect. The vast majority of our services are provided at no cost to clients. For more information, visit us at www.scanfw.org. To report child maltreatment, call the Indiana Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline, at 800-800-5556.

For more information on how an individual or organization can help the children and families in SCAN's services, please contact the Resource Development department at 260-421-5000 or rd@scaninc.org.