



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 1, 2024

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: San Juan Children's Justice Center Contract with the State of Utah and Guardify, formerly VidaNyx Inc.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and sign the contract with the State of Utah and Guardify for Forensic Interview Storage and Chain of Custody

SUMMARY

The Children's Justice Center (CJC) utilizes an on-line cloud-based program to secure upload Forensic Interviews (FI) during the investigative process for child abuse. This cloud-based program stores and documents a chain of custody for each case in the cloud. The Guardify cloud-based system has been adopted by the legislature to help remove the need for physical copies and avoid any loose DVD's or jump drives with confidential information from being lost or stolen.

Currently, the equipment used in the San Juan CJC is not compatible to upload directly to Guardify without burning a DVD, or the use of a jump drive. This contract will bring the CJC immediately out of compliance until this is remedied. There is a plan to bring the current system into compliance by working with IT to connect the recording computer to the network allowing uploading to occur. There is also a plan, as part of the remodel project for the CJC building, to upgrade the entire system allowing better recordings and sound for digital FI evidence gathering as well as uploading into Guardify. The CJC has received three (3) preliminary bids to upgrade the outdated system, one of which is from Stone Security, who has a state contract for services. Each bid is being reviewed to determine if they meet the contractual needs bringing the CJC into compliance.

The costs for this service are remedied through the Attorney General's office. There are no additional expenses for use of the cloud-based program.

The contract defines the responsibility of the county to adhere to and maintain those records for safekeeping using the Guardify platform and defines the appropriate use and policies associated with confidential information as listed in the State policies.

The contract is to begin October 1 and will be an annual contract up for review on or by July 1, 2025.