



## COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** August 6, 2024

**ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER:** Approval of the San Juan Children's Justice Center Advisory Board By-Laws.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Draft SJCJC By-Laws.

### SUMMARY

As of July 1, 2024, San Juan County has full contractual responsibility for the Children's Justice Center (SJCJC). Currently, as progress moves forward in developing efficient systems, the SJCJC has prepared the SJCJC Advisory Board By-Laws for approval and ratification. This is one of several steps the SJCJC is taking in preparation for accreditation with the National Children's Alliance (NCA). The Advisory board is set to meet on August 8, 2024, where a Chair and Vice Chair will be elected to support the goals of the Board. Approving the SJCJC By-Laws will help guide the Advisory Board in advising the SJCJC to define community needs and make recommendations to support the SJCJC scope of work in the community. The advisory board members are supportive leaders in the community for whom the SJCJC coordinates to address child abuse. Currently there are five (5) advisory board positions needing to be filled. Below I have included a tentative list of the Advisory Board members who have committed to participating, and listed, the positions that are currently vacant.

#### Filled Positions

- SJCJC – Robert Nieman
- County Attorney – To be announced.
- Sheriff's Office – Lehi Lacy
- Blanding City Police – JJ Bradford
- DCFS – Mackinzie Mashburn
- School District – Christine Fitzgerald
- County admin – Mack McDonald
- Mental Health – Aaron Duke
- AG's Office – Tonya Whipple
- Guardian Ad Litem – Brittney Ivins
- UNHS – Tonya Grass
- Community Member – Marti Brewers

- Three representatives from Navajo Nation

#### Position needing filled.

- County Defense Attorney
- SART/DV Representative