

August 18, 2022

TO:

Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Inspection of the Allen Parish Public Safety Complex

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Allen Parish Public Safety Complex in Oberlin, LA during the period of August 16 - 18, 2022. This is an IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of Lead Compliance Inspector. Team members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member	
Detainee Rights		
Security		
Medical Care		
Safety		
Medical Care		

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection that is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 standards for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the August 2021 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Allen Parish Public Safety Complex is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) No
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) No
- The Joint Commission (TJC) No
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) -Yes

Standards Compliance

The following information is a summary of the standards that were reviewed and overall compliance that was determined as a result of the 2021 and 2022 PBNDS 2011 annual compliance inspections:



2021 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	4

2022 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	39	
Does Not Meet Standards	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	4	

The inspection team identified three (3) deficient components in the following two (2) standards:

Hunger Strikes – 2 Medical Care – 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Allen Parish Public Safety Complex is owned by Allen Parish and operated under the jurisdiction of the Allen Parish Sheriff's Office. The facility which is located sixty miles south of Alexandria, Louisiana houses adult male ICE detainees with a low custody level, adult female and male Allen Parish and surrounding jurisdiction prisoners, and adult male State of Louisiana Department of Corrections inmates. The facility has an operational capacity of beds. On the first day of the inspection there was a total population of detainees of which were male ICE detainees.

The facility was built in In a -bed story building was constructed behind the main building for housing ICE detainees. This building has separate housing units (beds each); a cen--bed special management units; a medical area; and an intake area. The secure tral control room; outer perimeter of the compound is designed with two twelve-foot chain link fences with rows of razor ribbon affixed to the interior side of the exterior fence line; there are no supplemental detection systems installed between the fences. The facility perimeter is irregularly foot-patrolled by an unarmed officer 24 hours a day. Surveillance cameras offer visibility around the entire perimeter, into the housing units, recreation yards, the common areas, and interior movement corridors. All exterior building doors and interior movement corridor gates are controlled by central control staff, and are under constant camera surveillance through a camera network that is monitored 24 hours a day.

The four ICE general population housing units are managed by indirect supervision. All movement is monitored. All security staff carry a radio. The general population housing units are all dormitory design. There were no ICE detainees in the SMU during the inspection. One of the ICE housing units currently serves as a COVID-19 quarantine/isolation unit where newly admitted detainees are housed until negative testing results/protocols are complete. During the inspection there were no active COVID-19 cases in the facility. The medical area is not an infirmary.

Each housing unit has a common dayroom equipped with one television, three individual telephone stations, fixed table/chair units for detainees to eat their meals, play games and gather for conversation and two kiosks on which detainees can conduct their remote video-visits, order commissary and access facility program schedules and menus. Every housing unit has a dedicated room equipped with one LexisNexis work station open during daily during waking hours for detainees to conduct their legal research/casework. Information not included on the kiosks is posted on the housing units' bulletin boards. Dayrooms are accessible daily from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Detainees are provided daily indoor and outdoor recreation. The facility is maintaining an average level of sanitation.



There were twelve formal interviews and fifteen informal interviews conducted by inspectors. Three of the formal interviews were conducted with LEP detainees by use of a language line interpretation service. Three detainees voiced concerns in the area of medical care. The on-site medical SME checked the medical charts for each of these detainees and found that all three had been seen by a provider for the same issues voiced to the SME. The SME did refer the three for follow-up counseling and/or further evaluation. None of the other detainees registered any complaints about their overall treatment by staff or other detainees, medical care, ICE/ERO access or services, visitation, quality/quantity of their meals or access to services or recreation. Several detainees stated that the food was good and they were provided adequate quantities of food at each meal. All of the detainees stated they had received the ICE/ERO and facility handbooks, watched the PREA video, were informed of the SAAPI services and its reporting avenues and were aware of the OIG hotline, although none of them had reached out for its assistance, and the grievance process. All of the detainees interviewed stated that they felt safe in the facility.

There were no suicide attempts, escapes, or allegations of sexual abuse or assault reported since the previous annual inspection.

The facility achieves optimum compliance with standards in several areas as follows: Admission and Release because strip searches of transgender detainees are required to be observed by medical staff; Special Management Unit by providing two hours of recreation to detainees housed in the SMU seven days per week; Recreation because detainees are provided wireless headsets for television viewing with language choice; Telephone Access because the facility has a TTY device for the deaf/hard of hearing detainees; and Law Libraries and Legal Materials because detainees have access to a law library for no less than fifteen hours per week when requested.

Detainee telephone services are provided by Ally Telecom Group. Video visiting is provided by a contract with Jail ATM. Commissary services are provided by Fore Comm Commissary Solutions. All other services are provided by Allen Parish employees. Detainees are not charged co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care services.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

The inspection was conducted as a hybrid. Three inspectors were on-site; two inspectors worked remotely. The remote inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility but was able to interview staff and review files. There were no areas of concern or significant observations.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. The facility complies with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011). No (0) standard was found Does Not Meet Standard and four (4) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-nine (39) standards were found to Meet Standards.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and noncompliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324 Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. An out brief was conducted at the facility. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team (two SMEs via conference call) the following were present:



ICE Officials:	
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Facility Staff:

Lead Compliance Inspector August 18, 2022
Printed Name of LCI Date