

August 11, 2022

TO:

Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Inspection of the Monroe County Detention Dormitory

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019) of the Monroe County Detention Dormitory in Monroe, Michigan during the period of August 9-11, 2022. This is an IGSA.

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

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

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS 2019 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the August 2021 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Monroe County Detention Dormitory 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) No

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 compliance annual inspections:



2021 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	30
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

2022 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	30
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified one (1) deficient component in the following one (1) standard:

Voluntary Work Program – 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Monroe County Detention Dormitory is owned and funded by Monroe County and is operated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. The facility is located approximately 35 miles south of Detroit in a rural area of Monroe, Michigan. The facility houses adult male detainees for Monroe County, U.S. Marshals Service, and ICE. No female or minor detainees are housed at the facility. The facility has an operational capacity of beds. The population on the first day of the inspection was which included the ICE detainees.

The facility houses minimum custody level ICE detainees. Detainees are not charged co-pay fees for medical, dental, or mental health services.

The facility, which opened in consists of two Sprung Instant Structures connected by an enclosed arterial walkway. The secure perimeter of the compound is enclosed by two chain-link fences with the interior fence protected by a 50,000-volt stun fence. The entire perimeter is under camera surveillance which is continuously monitored by central control officers. The perimeter is foot patrolled on each shift by an officer carrying a Taser. All exterior doors are alarmed.

General population housing units are configured into ________-bed dormitories. There is no special management unit at the facility. The housing units are managed with direct supervision monitoring and surveillance. Both housing units have access to the one adjacent outdoor recreation area. Access to the recreation yard alternates between the two housing units during waking hours.

Dayroom activities include watching television, playing cards, working puzzles, and reading. Detainees also participate in video visits using the monitors in the housing units. Inspectors visited all areas of the facility during the inspection. The facility was observed to be well-maintained with acceptable sanitation levels.

During visits to the housing units a total of fourteen detainees were interviewed informally in a non-confidential setting. A total of six detainees agreed to be interviewed in a formal confidential setting. All of the detainees stated that they were treated respectfully by staff and they felt safe. Several detainees stated that the food was good; others stated that it was bland and the portions were small. The safety SME reviewed the menus and observed the meals being prepared and they were in accordance with the menus approved by the dietician. Detainees reported that the telephones worked and that they were able to receive visits via the video monitors in the housing unit. Two detainees complained that there were no screens between the monitors and others were able to observe their visits. Facility staff reported that they were aware of the complaint and that maintenance staff were going to place a screen between the monitors. The detainees were all aware that they had access to the law library computers in the housing units



at any time during facility waking hours but none of them had used them. None of the detainees had filed a grievance nor had they contacted the OIG. Several detainees complained about the lack of privacy in the shower area. During the inspection facility maintenance workers constructed a screen that provides privacy but also permits officers to monitor detainees in the shower area. When questioned about access to ICE staff some detainees stated that they see the ICE officer in the housing unit every week and others stated that they have seen him but not every week. A review of Facility Liaison Checklists indicated that visits occur weekly.

All of the detainees reported good access to the medical department and that medical staff were responsive to their needs when requests were made. Two detainees reported that they had medical issues that had been addressed but needed follow-up. These cases were referred to the medical SME to be evaluated:

<u>Detainee One:</u> The detainee reported a lump in his throat. It was determined that the detainee had been seen by the doctor on eleven separate occasions and he has had three biopsies; all of which came back benign.

<u>Detainee Two:</u> The detainee reported on-going headaches after he received his COVID-19 vaccination. It was determined that he had been seen by the doctor on thirteen occasions and he has had two CAT scans that were negative.

Medical services are provided by Advance Correctional Healthcare. Food services are provided by Continental Food Service. All other services are provided by Monroe County employees.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

Due to COVID-19 this was a hybrid inspection with one inspector working remotely (Medical QMC). The facility provided the inspection team all requested documentation as evidence of practices and procedures within the facility. In addition to these materials, staff were interviewed by the inspection team. All staff interviewed were well versed in facility policy and the requirements of the standards and were responsive to all requests made by the inspection team. There were no areas of concern or significant observations noted during the inspection.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019). No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). Thirty (30) standards were found to Meet Standards.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and non-compliance 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 with one inspector participating telephonically. In addition to the Nakamoto Group onsite inspectors, the following participated:

• ICE Officials –



Facility Staff

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Lead Compliance Inspector	Date