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Lead Compliance Inspector
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Nevada Southern Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a hybrid annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2008; Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention (PBNDS 2011); and Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention (PBNDS 2011) of the Nevada Southern Detention Center in Pahrump, Nevada during the period of July 20-22, 2021. This is an IGSA facility.

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

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Security	[Redacted]
Detainee Rights	[Redacted]
Medical Care	[Redacted]
Medical Care	[Redacted]
Safety	[Redacted]

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection that is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2008; Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention (PBNDS 2011); and Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention (PBNDS 2011) for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the November 2020 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Nevada Southern Detention Center is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) – Yes
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - Yes
- 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 2020 and the 2021 annual inspections:



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<i>2020 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standard	40
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

<i>2021 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standard	39
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified nine (9) deficient components in the following six (6) standards:

Searches of Detainees – 2
Special Management Units – 1
Tool Control -1
Medical Care – 1, which is a priority component
Visitation – 3, one of which is a priority
Law Libraries and Legal Materials - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Nevada Southern Detention Center (NSDC), owned and operated by CoreCivic, is located in Pahrump, Nevada, approximately 75 miles northwest of downtown Las Vegas. The facility houses male and female ICE detainees and U.S. Marshals Service non-ICE detainees. [REDACTED]

The one-story building includes eight dormitory-style housing units and four cell block units housing two-persons in each cell. One dormitory unit houses females with a capacity of 88 general population beds and eight restrictive housing beds. Seven dormitory units include 96 beds and may be used for housing male or female detainees, according to classification levels, contractual requirements, and/or COVID-19 protocols. The additional three cell block units house general population males. One unit has 136 beds and the other two have 84 beds each. The male segregation unit is equipped with 104 beds in cell block housing, along with a step-down unit with 84 beds.

The housing units and all support departments are accessible off one main corridor. All movement is observed and/or escorted. The facility includes a central kitchen, laundry, vehicle sally port, outside recreation areas adjacent to each housing unit, non-contact visitation area (closed due to COVID-19 restrictions), administrative offices, maintenance shop, library, chapel, medical/dental department, central control, and warehouse. Detainees have access to religious activities (within the constraints of COVID-19 restrictions), legal services, and recreational activities.

Security at the NSDC is maintained, in part, by two 13-foot perimeter fences. The outside fence is laced with razor ribbon. The inner perimeter fence is equipped with non-lethal stun technology. Perimeter security includes nineteen exterior cameras to monitor activity outside the facility, with a mobile patrol unit monitoring the perimeter on a 24-hour basis. Additionally, 134 cameras monitor the inside and outside. The Special Operations Response Team (SORT) is available as needed. All exterior doors are alarmed.

Housing units include dayroom space, tables, telephones, televisions, video games, microwave ovens, pull-up exercise bars, tablets, and kiosks for ordering commissary and communicating via email with facility staff and, for a fee, family and friends.



Eight detainees volunteered to be interviewed including male detainees, female detainees, and detainees with limited English proficiency (LEP). During the confidential interviews, each detainee claimed to feel safe at the facility and generally satisfied with the interaction, responsiveness, and professionalism of facility and ICE staff. A bilingual inspector facilitated the LEP interviews. Detainees expressed no issues with access to mail, law library, telephones, visitation, or recreation services. Detainees expressed general satisfaction with the quantity and quality of food provided.

One detainee stated that he needed to see the doctor about his ankle. The medical SME followed-up. The detainee was seen by the medical staff in a timely manner and all medical protocols were followed. Detainees were asked if they had filed a grievance and/or had called the OIG hotline. When they responded in the negative, detainees were informed of the grievance process and the availability of the OIG hotline. In addition to the formal interviews, no less than 34 additional informal interviews were conducted in the food services area, housing units, and recreation. Detainees expressed similar satisfaction with accessibility of staff and availability of program services. Sanitation and conditions of confinement were above average.

Food services are provided via a contract with Trinity Services Group. All other services are provided by CoreCivic. ICE detainees do not incur medical co-pays.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

This inspection was conducted as a hybrid. Four inspectors were on-site and one inspector worked remotely. The inspector working remotely was unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility. The inspector relied upon photographs and/or videos, interviews, and records to validate the observation of many standards.

Two priority components were found Does Not Meet Standard:

Visitation

Priority Component #5 General visitation is permitted during set hours on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and, to the extent practicable, the facility also establishes visiting hours on weekdays and during evening hours. The facility accommodates the scheduling needs of visitors for whom scheduled visiting hours pose a hardship. The number of visitors a detainee receives and the length of visits are limited only by reasonable constraints of space, scheduling, staff availability, safety, security, and good order.

Finding: General visitation was suspended by ICE officials in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the OIG and substantiated by a review of policy and procedures, prior to the imposition of the suspension, the facility met the requirements of the standard. Detainees continue to have access to social visits, seven days per week, via the electronic tablets/video visitation stations located in each housing unit. However, these visits are all fee-based. Detainees do not have a no-fee option available for social visits in order to meet the basic requirements of the standard. Per the OIG, when ICE authorizes, on-site visitation will be permitted seven days per week, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and will be limited only by reasonable constraints of space, scheduling, staff availability, safety, security, and good order as required by the component.

Recommendation: Provide visitation as required by the standard.



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Medical Care

Priority Component #28 Each facility's health care provider shall conduct a health appraisal including a physical examination on each detainee within fourteen days of the detainee's arrival unless more immediate attention is required due to an acute or identifiable chronic condition, in accordance with the most recent ACA Adult Local Detention Facility standards for Health Appraisals. If there is documentation of one within the previous ninety days, the facility health care provider upon review may determine that a new appraisal is not required.

Finding: Physical assessments are conducted by a nurse practitioner or physician. A random review of fifteen medical records revealed health appraisals of eight detainees were not completed within fourteen days of their arrival.

Recommendation: Per the OIC, a corrective action plan will be implemented. The OIC plans to require health appraisals be conducted within seven days of the detainees' arrival in order to have adequate time to meet the required time frame and ensure that all health appraisals are conducted in a timely manner.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standard 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 2008), the Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention Standard (PBNDS 2011) and the Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention Standard (PBNDS 2011). No (0) standard was found Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-nine (39) standards were found to Meet Standard.

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. A conference call out brief was conducted and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following participated:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]

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