

October 21, 2020

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Richwood Correctional Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Richwood Correctional Center, Monroe, LA during the period of October 19 - 21, 2020. This is an IGSA.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of members were:

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

#### Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the October 2019 inspection.

#### **Inspection Summary**

The Richwood Correctional Center 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 2019 and 2020 annual inspections:



2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2020 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	40	
Does Not Meet Standards	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	3	

The inspection team identified six (6) deficient components in the following three (3) standards:

Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention - 1 Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention - 1 Disability Identification, Assessment, and Accommodation - 4

## Facility Snapshot/Description

This inspection was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Observations were conducted via a review of photographs and/or videos. Interviews were conducted via telephone The Richwood Correctional Center is located in Monroe, Louisiana. The indirect supervision facility is owned and operated by LaSalle Corrections under an IGSA in partnership with the City of Richwood, Louisiana. The facility houses male detainees for the Louisiana Department of Corrections (DOC) and ICE.

The general population housing units have a dayroom area with tables, chairs, televisions, microwave ovens, and a hot pot for heating water. Dayroom activities include board games, cards, leisure reading, and television. Outdoor recreational activities include basketball, soccer, handball, and walking. Correctional officers are responsible for the supervision of these activities and for distributing recreation materials daily. Detainees may participate in the voluntary work program. Telephones are provided in the housing units and detainees have access to them during facility waking hours. Communication assistance such as bilingual staff and professional interpretation and translation services is provided to detainees with disabilities and detainees who are limited in their English proficiency (LEP). All written materials are provided to detainees in English and Spanish. The facility provides detainees with auxiliary aids as needed. The telephones are equipped with volume control handsets and a TTY machine is available.

No less than twelve detainees were interviewed remotely over the telephone including four LEP detainees by using a telephonic translation line. A number of detainees complained about the food and some stated that they were fed mainly rice and beans. The menus were reviewed by the safety SME and the food service administrator stated that they were aware of this concern and were in the process of diversifying the menu of food items. There were no concerns regarding the telephones, religious programs, law library, or their participation in in-dorm activities.

#### Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or significant observations noted during the inspection. The inspection was conducted remotely, and inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility. The inspection team relied upon photographs and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards.



# 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) 2011. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) standards were found to Meet Standard

## **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 remotely and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following participated via telephone:

- ICE Officials –
- Facility Staff –

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, Lead Compliance Inspector

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