



October 21, 2021

TO: [REDACTED]  
Acting Assistant Director Detention Management

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Lead Compliance Inspector  
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Broward Transitional Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Broward Transitional Center in Pompano Beach, Florida during the period of October 19-21, 2021. This is a CDF.

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

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

### **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 September 2020 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Broward Transitional 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 2021 annual inspections:



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<i>2020 Annual Inspection</i>		<i>2021 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	40	Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0	Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0	Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2	Not Applicable	2

No deficiencies were identified in any component.

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Broward Transitional Center is an ICE Contract Detention Facility (CDF) owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. located in Pompano Beach, Florida which is just north of Fort Lauderdale. This CDF houses both adult male and female ICE detainees with low and medium-low security classification level detainees. The facility does not have a special management unit. Detainees in need of segregation status are immediately transferred out of the facility.

COVID-19 conditions have been implemented in all housing and program areas resulting in a lower than normal population and multiple scheduling adjustments to accommodate smaller crowd sizes and movement patterns.

The facility is a converted motel configured as a two-tier linear layout with outside door entrances in two of the three housing units. The population of each room has been reduced to social distancing for the COVID-19 pandemic. The facility has three separate housing areas designated as North, West, and South. Males reside in the North and South housing areas, and the females reside in the West housing area. The male detainee rooms open directly to the outdoor walkways. The female detainee rooms are in an enclosed building on the second floor. The male housing areas consist of upper and lower rooms that are not locked except when a room is unoccupied and unassigned. ICE/ERO staff and the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) maintain an on-site presence at this facility.

Every detainee room is equipped with a television and a bathroom with a sink, toilet, and shower. Each room has a panic alarm in the sleeping area, and another in the bathroom, to alert staff for an immediate assistance response. Each detainee is issued an electronic tablet upon admission to the facility from which they can send emails, conduct video visits, play games, read books, and access select facility program information.

There is a large centralized outdoor recreation yard in which all detainees are offered at least seven hours per day of recreation. The central dining room space serves as the visiting room and a multi-purpose room hosting volunteer speakers, bingo, and other activities regularly.

Sanitation was observed to be above average by the on-site inspection team members.

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; Use of Force because relevant audiovisual records are retained for one year after litigation or any investigation is has concluded; Medical Care because the facility maintains NCCHC accreditation; Medical Care (Women) because OB-GYN health care is in compliance with NCCHC standards; Significant Self Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention because prevention, treatment, and therapeutic aftercare for suicidal



detainees or detainees at risk for self-harm are within NCCHC standards; Recreation because detainees are offered outdoor recreation four hours per day, seven days per week; Telephone Access because the ratio of telephones to detainees exceeds one telephone to ten 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.

No less than 28 detainees were interviewed in a confidential setting including nine LEP detainees by use of a language line interpretation service. The detainees registered no substantive complaints or concerns when questioned about their personal safety, treatment by staff, medical care, asylum requests, consulate/court access, access to ICE staff, visitation, law library access, detainee telephone system, or food services. All detainees were aware of the grievance system and the OIG Hotline although none interviewed had used either. All stated that they felt safe at the facility.

Medical, food service, and maintenance services are provided by The GEO Group Inc. employees. Telephone services are provided by Talton Communications, Inc. Detainees are not be charged co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care services.

**Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

This was a hybrid inspection in which some of the inspectors work remotely. The one remote inspector was unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility and relied upon photographs and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards. 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) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) standards were found to Meet Standards.

**LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings are accurately and completely documented on the G-324A 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 (one SME via conference call) the following were present:

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

[Redacted] Lead Compliance Inspector	October 21, 2021
Printed Name of LCI	Date