



August 5, 2021

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director Custody Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Chase County Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual hybrid inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019) of the Chase County Detention Center in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, during the period of August 3-5, 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
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

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 Meet Standards during the January 2021(rescheduled 2020 annual) inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Chase County Detention 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 2021 (rescheduled 2020 annual) inspection and 2021 annual inspection:



<i>2021 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standard	37
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

<i>2021 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standard	32
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team identified twenty-two (22) deficient components in the following thirteen (13) standards:

- Environmental Health and Safety – 5, one of which is a repeat deficiency
- Transportation by Land - 2
- Admission and Release – 2
- Custody Classification -1
- Post Orders – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Special Management Units – 2, both of which are repeat deficiencies
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention - 1
- Food Service – 2, both of which are repeat deficiencies
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention – 2
- Disability Identification, Assessment and Accommodation - 1
- Recreation – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Telephone Access – 1
- Law Library and Legal Materials – 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Chase County Detention Center opened in 1993 and is located in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, approximately 100 miles southwest of Kansas City, Missouri. The facility is owned and operated by the Chase County. Administration reports to the county commissioners. The jail employs the indirect model of supervision to all custody levels of adult male and female detainees for ICE, Chase County inmates, and inmates from Morris County, Kansas.

ICE detainees are commingled in nine independent housing units with populations of similar custody levels. Housing unit pods consist of cells and open dormitories ranging in configuration of two-person cells to sixteen to twenty bed dormitories. The special management unit (SMU) has five double bunked cells. Living units were well lit with both natural and artificial light and have adequate open space for detainees. The dayrooms in each of the housing units are furnished with tables and chairs for detainees to participate in leisure time activities and socializing. Board games, leisure reading material, and televisions are available to detainees. Playing cards may be purchased by detainees at the facility’s commissary. Chirpers (texting device) are available for a fee of \$0.10 per text. Kiosks are available in the living units to assist detainees in communicating with family, video visitation, and submitting electronic detainee requests to ICE and facility staff. The facility provides a dedicated area for detainee recreation. The recreation area is covered but equipped with screened openings that allow for natural light and fresh air to enter. Exercise includes walking, jogging, shooting basketball, handball, and kicking a soccer ball. General non-contact visitation and group religious services have been suspended due to health concerns associated with the COVID-19 virus. Visitors are offered free video visitation services located in the entrance lobby of the facility. Remote video visitation for a fee is also offered through the housing unit kiosk as an additional alternative for visiting. Detainees receive 500 free



telephone minutes per month. Visits from legal representatives have not been suspended. New admissions are quarantined for ten days.

The facility is climate controlled. Staff was well-versed in facility guidelines and operating procedures as well as the National Detention Standards. Officers and staff were professional during interviews and detainees spoke willingly and respectfully.

No detainees volunteered to be interviewed formally. Inspectors informally interviewed no less than twenty-two detainees on the housing units, during voluntary work assignment, and two exit interviews with detainees bonding out. There were no substantive concerns voiced when detainees were asked about their personal safety, treatment by staff, mail services, recreation programs, or food service. One detainee complained of not being provided the medical attention necessary to treat his medical concerns. The medical SME consulted with the health services administrator (HSA) and found that the detainee is receiving adequate medical attention. An ICE officer was observed at the facility meeting with detainees.

Food and medical services are provided by Chase County personnel. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care. The facility doctor and mental health services are contracted with local providers. Facility sanitation and housekeeping practices were below average to average.

Detainee telephone, kiosk, and chirper (texting) services are provided by Combined Public Communications (CPC) via contract with the facility.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observation

The inspection was conducted as a hybrid with three inspectors on-site and the two medical SMEs working remotely. Remote inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility. The remote inspectors 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 Standards unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019). No (0) standard was found Does Not Meet Standard and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-two (32) standards were found to Meet Standards.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and non-compliance 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 telephonically with facility staff and ICE representatives. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

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



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