

October 12, 2018

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility in Elizabeth, New Jersey, during the period of October 10-12, 2018. This is a CDF.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of members, 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 PBNDS 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the October 2017 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility 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 2017 and 2018 PBNDS 2011 annual compliance inspections:



2017 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	41
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

2018 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	41
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

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

Personal Hygiene—1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility is located in an industrial area of Elizabeth, New Jersey. CoreCivic leases the building and operates the facility under a direct contract with ICE. The facility houses low and medium-low custody adult male and female ICE

detainees.

The facility was constructed in 1994 as a two-story warehouse and was converted to a one-story correctional facility in 1996. The facility has eleven dormitory housing units for general population detainees ranging in capacities from 6-44 beds. The facility also has a restricted housing unit for both administrative and disciplinary segregation management which consists of twelve single-bed cells. No detainees were housed in segregation status during the inspection. The facility employs the direct supervision model.

The housing unit dorms contain a dayroom equipped with two televisions; telephones; various board games; kiosks for ordering commissary; a computer equipped with LexisNexis; a microwave oven and a hot-pot for heating water. Both indoor and outdoor recreation areas are available. The entire facility is climate controlled. Sanitation throughout the facility was observed to be average. Overall, the atmosphere at the facility was generally calm with no obvious indicators of high stress.

All areas of the facility were observed during the inspection. Each member of the inspection team made multiple visits to the housing units and numerous detainees were interviewed. Some interviews were with small groups of detainees and several were private and confidential and included detainees with limited English proficiency (LEP). The interviews with LEP detainees were facilitated via Language Line. The detainees voiced no concerns regarding life/safety issues. Detainees were generally satisfied with the interaction, responsiveness and professionalism of facility staff and with access to medical services, the law library, telephones and recreation. It is worth noting that the facility has staff that are fluent in a variety of languages including but not limited to Spanish, Hindi, Punjabi, Serbian, Portuguese, Chinese, Italian, German, Dutch, and French.

Several detainees complained they had no access to Spanish television channels. During follow-up of these complaints the inspectors learned that the service provider, Dish satellite TV, had experienced a software related issue which the facility and vendor have been trying to resolve for approximately two weeks. Although not resolved before the conclusion of the inspection, facility and vendor staff continue to work on the problem.

Several detainees expressed concerns regarding the air quality within the facility. The Safety SME followed-up on this complaint with the facility's maintenance and fire safety manager and learned that air quality tests were



performed in August 2018. These tests confirmed that the air quality in the facility is compliant with national standards.

Two detainees complained about medical services. One detainee claimed it took too long to see a medical professional subsequent to submitting a request. The Medical SME followed-up and found that detainees are seen in a timely manner and within the time parameters required by the standard. Another detainee claimed he was not receiving the correct medication for a lingering nasal condition. The medical inspector followed up on the complaint and after checking the detainee's record concluded that he was receiving the prescribed medication.

ICE detainees do not incur medical co-payments. Medical services are provided by ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC). All other services are provided by CoreCivic.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

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. The facility complies with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty-one (41) standards were found to be in compliance.

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 at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

• ICE Officials –		
Facility Staff		
other staff and supervisors		and various
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, Lead Compliance Inspector	October 12, 2018	
Printed Name of LCI	Date	