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TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Detention Inspection of the Immigration Centers of America-

Farmville

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Immigration Centers of America (ICA) - Farmville in Farmville, Virginia during the period of February 26-28, 2019. This is a DIGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of Inspector. Team Members were:

| Subject Matter Field | Team Member |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Security             |             |
| Detainee Rights      |             |
| 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 previous rating of Meets Standards during the March 2018 inspection.

#### **Inspection Summary**

ICA- Farmville 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 2018 and 2019 PBNDS 2011 compliance annual inspections:



| 2018 Inspection         |    |  |
|-------------------------|----|--|
| Meets Standards         | 41 |  |
| Does Not Meet Standards |    |  |
| Repeat Finding          | 0  |  |
| Not Applicable          | 1  |  |

| 2019 Inspection         |    |  |
|-------------------------|----|--|
| Meets Standards         | 41 |  |
| Does Not Meet Standards | 0  |  |
| Repeat Finding          | 0  |  |
| Not Applicable          | 1  |  |

The inspection team found one (1) component deficiency in the following standard:

Staff-Detainee Communication – 1, which is a repeat deficiency

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

Immigration Centers of America, Farmville Detention Center (FDC) is a Dedicated IGSA facility located in the northern outskirts of Farmville, Virginia. The facility is located in a largely rural area; however a large scrapyard borders the facility to the West. Otherwise, the surrounding area is wooded. The facility is owned and operated by Immigration Centers of America (ICA). The staff training center and detainee property storage are located in a building approximately three miles from the main facility.

The facility is a single-story building operated under the direct supervision model. There are nine general population dormitories and two celled special management units. During the inspection, some of the dormitories had temporary cots set up due to the increased detainee count. These additional beds did not affect the telephone ratios in terms of standards compliance. The shower and toilet ratios were impacted, but the facility has a waiver for the shower and toilet ratio deficiencies. The level one dormitory had the most cots set up, and as a result the living conditions were crowded there. The crowding of the dorm is mitigated to an extent by the generous optimal recreation opportunities offered to detainees, and the fact that some of the detainees work outside of the housing unit for several hours each day. The facility employs the concepts of civil detention, and the environment gives every indication that the staff understands the concept. Optimal levels are achieved in some areas including access to the law library and daily recreation for general population and segregated detainees. The extent and variety of the recreational and programming opportunities offered at this facility are rarely seen in detention settings. For example, every nine days, on a rotating schedule, each housing unit has the opportunity to stay out all night in a large, modern workout and entertainment facility.

Detainees were forthcoming with their praise for certain conditions at the facility such as the quality of the food, the responsive nature of the law library staff, and the recreational opportunities. Interactions between facility staff and the detainees were observed to be comfortable and forthright. The atmosphere is relaxed and the detainees showed no signs of unrest, other than the obvious anxiety over their immigration cases and detention.

No less than eighty detainees were interviewed, including fifteen formal interviews. No repetitious concerns or issues were voiced. Two detainees complained of medical issues: one had sores that he claimed were not being treated, and the other complained of depression and dementia. The Medical SME verified that both detainees were receiving appropriate medical care for their conditions. One detainee asked for a treadmill and asked for more books in Spanish. The facility offers optimal opportunities for detainees to walk outdoors and indoors and has both ellipticals and stationary bicycles for detainee use. The library has a number of books in Spanish and some periodical publications are in Spanish as well.



Detainees may also order additional Spanish books from vendors. One detainee complained about the crowded dormitory. It was explained that the situation is temporary. Otherwise, there were no complaints related to requirements of the standards. Without exception, detainees stated that they felt safe at the facility. Confidential interviews revealed no concerns, and interviews with LEP detainees indicated that they have no issues accessing services.

The staff appeared and conducted themselves professionally and conducted their duties in a polite manner. Many of the staff are bilingual.

Medical services are contracted to Armor Correctional Services. There is no medical co-payment. Trinity Services Group provides food services. All other services are provided by ICA- Farmville Detention Center staff.

### **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 as Does Not Meet 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 Meets Standards and Does Not Meet Standards 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 and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

