August 26, 2021

TO:  
Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

FROM:  
Lead Compliance Inspector  
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT:  Biennial Inspection of the Frederick County Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a biennial inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019) of the Frederick County Detention Center in Frederick, Maryland during the period of August 24-26, 2021. This is an IGSA.

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

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Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled biennial inspection that is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS 2019 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the July 2019 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Frederick County Detention Center is currently accredited by:
- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - No
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - Yes
- 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 2021 NDS biennial inspections:
The inspection team identified eight (8) deficient components in the following five (5) standards:

- Environmental Health and Safety – 2
- Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities – 1
- Post Orders – 2
- Searches of Detainees – 1
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention – 2

**Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Frederick County Detention Center is owned and operated by the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office. The facility is located in the southern part of Frederick, Maryland surrounded by other county entities and commercial properties. The facility houses adult male and female Frederick County detainees and is contracted to house adult male ICE detainees, although no ICE detainees were housed in the facility during the inspection.

The jail was built in 1984. It is a single structure multi-story building. The compound is a collection of jutting wings and annexes connected by interior corridors. The perimeter security of the complex is comprised of sections of 24-foot chain link fencing runs supplemented with razor ribbon, and exterior walls of the building. The perimeter is routinely patrolled by an unarmed officer in a golf cart. Surveillance cameras offer visibility around the entire perimeter, into the housing units, the common areas, outdoor recreation yards and the interior movement corridors. All exterior building doors are alarmed, under constant camera surveillance, and controlled by central control officers. The facility is equipped with a 205-surveillance camera network that is monitored 24 hours a day.

The facility has 21 individual housing units of various capacities designed into two-tier dormitory and one and two-bed cell block configurations. They are managed by indirect supervision on the floor and are monitored by surveillance camera observation viewed by central control officers. When ICE detainees are housed in the facility, they are kept separate from other detainees. The facility does not house administrative, disciplinary or protective custody status ICE detainees. Detainees warranting such status are immediately transferred out of the facility. Select general population housing units serve as COVID-19 quarantine/isolation units where newly admitted detainees and existing detainees are housed until negative testing results are complete. During the inspection, there were no active COVID-19 cases in the facility. The health care unit is small but functional. It is not an infirmary but does provide eight cells for treatment and/or observation.

Each housing unit has a common dayroom equipped with a television, telephone stations, a bank of electronic tablets, kiosks and fixed table/chair units for detainees to eat their meals, play games and gather for conversation. Information not included on the tablets is posted on the housing units’ bulletin boards. Tablets provide detainees the ability to retrieve the National Detainee Handbook and the facility handbook, access commissary account balances, submit ICE/facility requests, retrieve all program/activity schedules, send/receive personal texts, participate in video visits, play electronic games, take educational classes,
read books and retrieve select law book materials. Dayrooms are accessible daily from 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Detainees receive daily indoor and outdoor recreation.

There were no ICE detainee interviews conducted because the facility did not house ICE detainees during the inspection.

Medical services are provided by Wellpath. All other services are provided by Frederick County employees. Detainee telephone and tablet/kiosk services are provided by PayTel. ICE detainees are not charged co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care services.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

This was a hybrid inspection in which some inspectors work remotely. Remote inspectors were 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 National Detention Standards (NDS 2019) for Over 72-hour facilities. No (0) standard was rated as Does Not Meet Standard and four (4) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining twenty-nine (29) 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 at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team (two SMEs via conference call), the following were present:

- ICE Officials –
- Facility Staff –

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Lead Compliance Inspector August 26, 2021
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