

July 18, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Detention Inspection of the Henderson Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Henderson Detention Center in Henderson, Nevada during the period of July 16-18, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of an entered that the compliance 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 NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the July 2018 annual inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Henderson 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 2018 and 2019 NDS annual compliance inspections:



2018 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	36
Deficient	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	3

2019 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	36
Deficient	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	3

# **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Henderson Detention Center is owned by the city of Henderson, Nevada, and operated by the Henderson Police Department. The facility is located in the downtown business district of the city and is neighbored by commercial, government, and residential buildings. The facility houses adult male and female detainees of all security levels for the local county and cities, the neighboring Indian Reservation, the U.S. Marshals Service, and ICE.

The two-story facility houses detainees in one, two, or three-person cells; using both direct and indirect supervision models, depending on the housing unit. Security posts are established inside the newer housing units accounting for approximately one-half of the housing areas. The original housing units are supervised via control center vision panels and video cameras. Housing unit and control center posts are staffed 24 hours per day providing observation of detainees at all times. Housing areas provide adequate open space and each has a television viewing area, commissary kiosks, telephone banks, and video visitation terminals. The newer units have adjacent outdoor recreation areas which allow detainees to traverse freely between the dayrooms and the outdoor recreation areas which are open during waking hours. The original structure, which houses the older housing units, does not have outdoor recreation areas attached to the housing units. In these units, detainees are scheduled for one hour of outdoor recreation five days per week in a separate outside recreation yard. The atmosphere throughout the facility is calm and detainee complaints were minimal. Detainees freely approached the inspection team. The various detainee populations are commingled according to security level, but non-ICE detainees are granted essentially the same privileges as ICE detainees, providing less opportunity for staff confusion and detainee complaints.

No less than 52 detainees were interviewed by the inspection team; including eighteen formal interviews and several LEP interviews. Interviews with LEP detainees indicated that they had no issues communicating with staff and no problems obtaining the services they needed. Confidential interviews revealed no concerns. No detainees voiced concerns over their personal safety. Two detainees complained that they did not like jail food. The Safety SME confirmed that the menu was certified by a dietician, was ethnically diverse, and portions were adequate. One detainee stated that he and his friends wanted to be outside of their cells any time they wanted, to do whatever they wanted at their personal leisure. He was advised that civil detention did not allow for complete freedom. Two detainees said that they were denied outdoor recreation this week. The facility explained that they do not take detainees outside in extreme heat. The out-



door temperatures during the inspection ranged between 105 to 115 degrees each day. All other complaints were about the status of individual immigration cases.

Facility employees were professional in conduct and appearance. The housing unit officers displayed some knowledge of the standards. Many of the facility employees are bilingual.

Medical services are contracted to Naphcare and there are no medical co-payments. All other services are provided by Henderson City employees.

# 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 Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS). No (0) standards were found Deficient and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-six (36) standards were found to be in compliance.

# **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and noncompliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324A Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. An outbrief was conducted at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

