

November 7, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Jackson Parish Correctional Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Jackson Parish Correctional Center in Jonesboro, Louisiana, during the period of November 5-7, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of 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 has had no previous inspections.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Jackson Parish Correctional 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) 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 2019 annual inspection:



2018 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	N/A
Does Not Meet Standard	N/A
Repeat Finding	N/A
Not Applicable	N/A

2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	42
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	0

The inspection team identified eighteen (18) deficient components in the following eight (8) standards:

Environmental Health and Safety - 2 Funds and Personal Property - 3 Key and Lock Control - 1 Special Management Units - 1 Staff-Detainee Communication - 1 Food Service - 7 Personal Hygiene - 2 Correspondence and Other Mail - 1

# **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Jackson Parish Correctional Center, located in Jonesboro, Louisiana, is owned by LaSalle Corrections and operated by LaSalle via a contract with the Jackson Parish Sheriff's Office. The Jackson Parish Sheriff's Office has an IGSA with ICE. The facility, which is approximately eighty miles east/southeast of Shreveport, Louisiana, and seventy miles north of Alexandria, Louisiana, began housing ICE detainees on March 15, 2019. Original construction of the Jackson Parish Correctional Center was completed in 2007; a second building was constructed in 2010. Low and low-medium custody male and female ICE detainees are housed at the facility along with low and medium custody male local and state non-ICE detainees.

The fenced perimeter of the facility covers forty acres of land. The facility itself consists of two large buildings connected by covered walkways. Building 2 was built in 2007 and Building 1 was constructed in 2010. The perimeter is secured by two twelve-foot chain link fences enhanced with razor ribbon at the top and bottom of the fences and patrolled perpetually by an armed officer in a vehicle. The facility has thirteen general population housing units with capacities ranging from forty to 100 beds. ICE detainees occupy eleven of the thirteen housing units. All housing units occupied by ICE detainees are dormitory style beds. The general population housing units receive indirect supervision from roving officers and an officer in the housing unit control center. There are eight cells designated for special management; four for males and four for females.

Indoor and outdoor recreation is available for the general population seven days per week for at least one hour each day. There are five large outdoor recreation yards inside the perimeter. Housing units provide adequate open dayroom space for their capacity. Detainees spend their waking hours socializing in the dayrooms or moving freely between the dayroom and their bunk. ICE detainees do not commingle with non-ICE detainees. Each housing unit is equipped with tables and seats, televisions, telephones, board games, and a microwave oven. Additionally, the facility has four PlayStation consoles which are rotated throughout the housing units. There are no restrictions on the number of visits a detainee may receive in a week; all visits are contact. Detainees participate in the voluntary work program.



The inspection team observed the housing units and common areas of the facility during the inspection; cleanliness and sanitation overall were observed to be average although some showers in male housing units were observed to be below average. The assistant OIC had these areas cleaned during the inspection. The atmosphere was calm and detainees were observed freely interacting with staff and other detainees.

Numerous detainees were interviewed; some interviews were in housing units with individuals or small groups of detainees and several were private and confidential and included detainees with limited English proficiency (LEP). Language line was used to facilitate interviews with detainees who spoke little or no English; a bilingual member of the inspection team conducted several private interviews with Spanish speaking female detainees. Interviews included detainees who had recently arrived at the facility and some who had been housed at the facility for longer periods of time. Both male and female detainees were interviewed. The detainees voiced no life-safety concerns.

Although the majority of detainees interviewed stated no issues with the food served at the facility, several did complain about the lack of fresh fruit and the quality and quantity of food provided. The Safety SME reviewed the nutritional analysis which indicated that the menus meet the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA). Observations of the preparation of food trays supported conformity to the nutritionally approved menus. Quality of food was observed to be in accordance with industry standards. The OIC stated that fresh fruit is not served at the facility due to security concerns regarding the fermenting of the fruit.

Some detainees voiced concerns regarding medical issues. The Medical SME reviewed the medical files of each of these detainees and found they had been seen by a medical provider and received appropriate treatment and follow-up.

Detainee telephone services are provided by Correct Solutions. All other services are provided by LaSalle Corrections.

ICE detainees do not incur medical co-pays.

### **Areas of Concern/Significant Observation**

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. All forty-two (42) 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 -

, Lead Compliance Inspector

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Printed Name of LCI

Date