

August 23, 2018

TO:	

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Johnson County Corrections Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards 2011 (PBNDS 2011), Over 72 Hours of the Johnson County Corrections Center in Cleburne, Texas during the period of August 21-23, 2018. This is an IGSA facility.

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

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	
Medical Care	
Medical Care	
Safety	
Security	

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 Meets Standards rating during the August 2017 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Johnson County Corrections 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 2017 and 2018 annual inspections:



2017 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	39	
Does Not Meet	0	
Standards		
At-Risk	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	3	

2018 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	39	
Does Not Meet	0	
Standards		
At-Risk	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	3	

The inspection team identified thirteen (13) deficient components in the following eight (8) standards:

Admission and Release – 1
Funds and Personal Property - 2
Key and Lock Control- 2, one of which is a repeat finding
Special Management Units – 2
Staff-Detainee Communication - 3, one of which is a Priority repeat finding
Food Service – 1, which is a repeat finding
Correspondence and Other Mail – 1
Telephone Access - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Johnson County Corrections Center is located in a business district in the northern section of Cleburne, Texas. The facility is operated by LaSalle Corrections under the jurisdiction of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

The facility

houses all classification levels.

The physical plant was renovated during the inspection period. ICE detainees are housed under the direct supervision model in four dormitories that are part of a single-story building. Each dormitory has an adjacent outdoor recreation area, which detainees may frequent without restriction throughout the day. Recreation is provided at optimal levels for ICE detainees at this facility. Dayroom activities include board games and television, as well as, access to telephones and a law library computer during waking hours. The sanitation levels of the facility are above average in most areas and average in the housing units.

Without exception, detainees stated that they feel safe in the facility. LEP detainees indicated that they had no issues communicating or accessing services. Confidential and LEP interviews gave no indication of issues with safety of detainees. Detainees stated that they were comfortable within the groups they were housed. Upon each visit to the housing units, the inspection team was approached by detainees who had issues or concerns relating to communication with ICE officers. Detainees specifically voiced issues with "lack of response from written request slips." Detainees asked the team questions regarding Immigration Court, deportation dates, and bond requests. Detainees were referred to ICE officials. There were two detainee complaints regarding the portion of meal service. The Safety SME verified that the menu was approved by a dietician, that the meals were nutritionally adequate, and that the portion sizes were appropriate under the standards.



Detainees freely conversed with the inspectors, facility staff and each other. No less than 75 detainees were interviewed by the inspection team. Approximately fifteen percent of the facility employees are bilingual, aiding in the communication with ICE detainees. Facility employees displayed professional demeanor. All officers and supervisors exhibited an understanding of the detention standards and civil detention. Food services are provided by Five Star Correctional Services. All other services are provided by LaSalle Corrections. ICE detainees do not incur medical co-payments.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There was one Priority Component rated as Does Not Meet Standard:

2.13 <u>Staff-Detainee Communication</u>

Component #3 states (in part) "Have written procedures to promptly route and deliver detainee requests to the appropriate ICE officials by authorized personnel..."

Finding: Written procedures are available to route and deliver detainee requests. Detainees are instructed to place all ICE correspondence in the locked drop box. The drop box contents are not emptied on a routine schedule. Correspondence dates were observed to be from August 14, 2018 to August 22, 2018." *Recommendation*: Review the procedure for routing requests to ensure that written requests are delivered to ICE officials in a timely manner.

Component #3 states: Ensure that each facility provides a secure drop box for ICE detainees to correspond directly with ICE management, and that only ICE personnel have access to the drop box." *Finding:* An ICE drop box was not available to detainees in the special management unit. *Recommendation:* Install a drop box in the special management unit for ICE detainees to communicate with ICE management.

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 for Over 72 Hour facilities. No (0) standards were found as Does Not Meet Standards and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-nine (39) standards were found 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 out brief was conducted at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

ICE Officials:

Johnson County Sheriff's Department:

Facility Staff:

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, Lead Compliance Inspector

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