

June 20, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Linn County Correctional Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS-Over 72 Hours) of the Linn County Correctional Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa during the period of June 18-20, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of the compliance Inspector. Team members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	
Security	
Medical Care	
Safety	

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 was not inspected in 2018.

Inspection Summary

The Linn County 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	
Acceptable	N/A
Deficient	N/A
Repeat Deficiency	N/A
Not Applicable	N/A

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

The inspection team identified seventeen (17) deficient components in the following eleven (11) standards:

Admission and Release - 1
Classification System - 1
Correspondence and Other Mail - 1
Detainee Handbook - 1
Food Service - 4
Issuance and Exchange of Clothing, Bedding, and Towels - 1
Recreation - 1
Access to Medical Care -2
Disciplinary Policy - 1
Environmental Health and Safety -3
Key and Lock Control - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Linn County Correctional Center is located in downtown Cedar Rapids, IA and is operated under the jurisdiction of the Linn County Sheriff. The facility houses male and female adult ICE detainees, United States Marshal Service detainees, and local detainees of all classification levels, in both dormitories and cells.

All services at the facility are provided by Linn County staff.

The facility is a five-story structure uniquely located on Mays Island in the Cedar River in downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The first floor houses the entrance areas and administrative offices and the other four floors contain the housing areas, medical, food services, recreation facilities, and all other departments of the facility. There is no outdoor recreation offered, which has not become an issue for the local ICE Field Office due to the short length of stay for ICE detainees. The facility is, first and foremost, a county jail. While ICE detainees are managed within the standards, they are co-mingled with non-ICE detainees, appropriate for the setting and therefore civil detention is not a priority function of the facility. Housing areas provide adequate space for the number of detainees they house, are well lighted, and give the overall impression of a relaxed, low tension environment. The attitudes of the employees towards ICE detainees were not remarkable and the tasks they performed on behalf of ICE detainees in the presence of the inspection team were done so without apparent resentment.

Medical staff are on duty sixteen hours per day during the week and eight hours per day on weekends. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care.

Overall, the atmosphere at the facility was observed to be generally calm with no obvious indicators of high stress. Staff were observed interacting with detainees without any indication of hostility. All ICE detainees were interviewed during the inspection. Most detainees were complimentary of the quality of meals



served and of how they were treated by staff. Interviews with six LEP detainees by use of the language line indicated that they had no significant issues communicating with staff. Thirteen of the interviews were conducted in a private setting. Many of the detainees interviewed expressed concerns that detainees were not issued underwear consistently upon intake. This concern was discussed with the facility administration.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

The inspection team identified one significant concern. All ICE detainees are strip searched upon arrival, prior to being placed in general population of the facility. Strip searches are not conducted on a case-by-case basis or pursuant to reasonable suspicion.

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 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 June 20, 2019
Printed Name of LCI Date