

February 10, 2022

TO:

Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Inspection of the Prairieland Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Prairieland Detention Center in Alvarado, Texas during the period of February 8-10, 2022. This is a Dedicated IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of Lead Compliance Inspector. Team 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 received a previous rating of Meets Standards as a result of the February 2021 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Prairieland 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) 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 2021 and 2022 annual compliance inspections:



2021 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	40	
Does Not Meet Standards	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	3	

2022 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	40	
Does Not Meet Standards	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	3	

The inspection team identified three (3) deficient components in the following two (2) standards:

Staff-Detainee Communication - 2, one of which is a repeat deficiency Detainee Transfers - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Prairieland Detention Center (PDC), a Dedicated IGSA facility, is located in rural Alvarado, Texas, forty miles southeast of Dallas. The facility is owned by the City of Alvarado PFC Board of Directors. The City of Alvarado has a contract with LaSalle Corrections to manage and operate the facility. The facility houses adult male and female ICE detainees of all classification levels.

ICE maintains an on-site presence in the facility.

The facility has bousing units: dormitories and bousing units equipped with occupancy cells. The cell housing units are used for segregation management. Dormitory capacities range from to beds. Housing units are managed by direct supervision with the exception of the units on cohort status. Officers are posted immediately outside the door. Wellness checks are conducted inside the unit with established health and safety protocols. Each dormitory has a dedicated outdoor recreation area that detainees may freely access as well as a separate indoor common area for leisure time activities. The dormitory housing units are furnished with televisions, telephones, and electronic tablets. The electronic tablets may be used to video visit, watch movies, listen to music, play electronic games, send electronic requests to facility and/or ICE personnel, send sick call requests, manage and order commissary, and manage telephone accounts. Board games and leisure reading materials are available. All detainees are escorted when moving outside of the housing units. Due to the COVID-19 protocols, movement is limited. All meals are served via satellite feeding in the housing units.

All detainees arriving at the facility are placed in a fourteen-day quarantine status due to COVID-19 protocols. Upon arrival, detainees are offered a COVID-19 test. Detainees are classified prior to placement in the cohort status.

ICE suspended on-site general/social visitation for ICE detainees in March 2020. However, the facility continues to offer fee-based virtual visitation to detainees and visitors during the on-site visitation suspension. Legal and professional visits are exempt from the on-site visitation suspension. To mitigate the impact of the visitation suspension, each detainee is provided with thirteen, ten-minute free telephone calls per week. The suspension of non-employee volunteers entering the facility has also impacted various programs. The facility has committed to the Phased Return to Social Visitation plan.

The facility is climate controlled and in good repair. All staff interviewed were well-versed in facility guidelines, operating procedures, and the National Detention Standards. Officers and staff were professional during interviews.



Twenty-six formal detainee interviews were conducted. Six informal interviews were conducted. Detainees with limited English proficiency (LEP) were interviewed by the bilingual inspectors. Interviews were held with males and females, detainees working in food services, detainees in special management unit, detainees housed in the medical unit, and detainees in general population. Detainees, without exception, were satisfied with communication with facility staff and ICE officials. Detainees were satisfied with access to programs, law library services, food services, and overall safety in the facility. Detainees were asked about personal safety and COVID-19 protocols with no issues expressed.

Sanitation throughput the facility was observed to be excellent.

The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care.

Detainee telephone and electronic tablet services are provided by Talton Communications. All other services are provided by LaSalle Corrections.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observation

The inspection was conducted as a hybrid. Four inspectors were on-site and one inspector worked remotely. The facility provided the remote inspector all requested documentation and photographs as evidence of practices and procedures within the facility. In addition to these materials, staff were interviewed by the remote inspector.

Optimal compliance was confirmed in the following standards: Admission and Release; Special Management Unit; Recreation; Use of Force and Restraints; Law Libraries and Legal Materials; and Telephone Access.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends 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 Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011). No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) standards were found to Meet Standards.

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 by telephone conference call and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following persons participated in the call:

•	ICE Officials -		
•	Facility Staff -		



Lead Compliance Inspector	February 10, 2022
Printed Name of LCI	Date