

August 8, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Detention Inspection of the Rolling Plains Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the National Detention Standards (NDS-Over 72 Hours) of the Rolling Plains Detention Center in Haskell, Texas, during the period of August 6-8, 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 NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility was not inspected in 2018.

#### **Inspection Summary**

The Rolling Plains 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 2019 annual compliance inspection:



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Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified nine (9) deficient components in the following five (5) standards:

Suicide Prevention and Intervention—1
Environmental Health and Safety—2
Transportation (Land)—1
Staff/Detainee Communications—3
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention—2

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Rolling Plains Detention Center is located in Haskell, Texas, approximately 180 miles west of the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport and 57 miles north of Abilene, Texas. Haskell, Texas, is a small rural town with a population of 3,322 residents as reported by the 2010 census. The facility is owned and operated by LaSalle Corrections with headquarters in Ruston, Louisiana, and offices in Dripping Springs, Texas. The facility houses both male and female detainees of all custody levels for ICE, the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), and Haskell County. The facility was opened in 2002

The facility is a single-story structure which contains fifty housing units; 45 general population housing units with dorm beds and five single cell housing units used for special management. During the inspection, one of the single cell units housed general population female ICE detainees. Of the 45 general population dorms, nineteen house ICE detainees. Capacities of the dorms housing ICE detainees range from eight beds to 24 beds. ICE detainees do not commingle with non-ICE detainees. All supervision of detainees is indirect by roving officers and supplemented by cameras located in all housing units, hallways, and common areas of the facility.

Each general population housing unit is equipped with a television, board games, and telephones at a ratio of one per every eight detainees. Detainees may also check out a tablet on which, at no charge, they may communicate with various facility staff and submit grievances and sick call requests. For a fee, detainees may send and receive emails with persons of their choosing, and download music, movies, and television shows. Detainees housed in the general population have access to one of the facility's two indoor gyms and one of the three large outdoor recreation yards. Overall, the team found the atmosphere in the facility to be calm with no obvious indicators of high stress. Sanitation was observed to be average. ICE detainees do not participate in the voluntary work program.

All of the housing units and common areas of the facility used by ICE detainees were visited and/or observed during the inspection. A fire drill was conducted and observed on the last day of the inspection.

Numerous detainees were interviewed; some interviews were with individuals and small groups of detainees in housing units and common areas and several were private and confidential and included detain-



ees with limited English proficiency (LEP). The interviews with LEP detainees were facilitated by use of a telephonic translation service. Interviews included detainees who had recently arrived at the facility and some who had been housed at the facility for longer periods of time. Without exception, detainees voiced no concerns regarding life/safety issues. Detainees stated they felt safe and were very satisfied with the interaction, responsiveness and professionalism of facility and ICE staff and with access to medical services, mail, the law library, telephones, visitation and recreation. Detainees expressed general satisfaction with the quantity and quality of food provided.

Several female ICE detainees from China were interviewed via the Language Line. The detainees stated they were unable to call their families in China; each time they attempted to place a call it would disconnect before the party they were calling answered. Detainees from other countries who were interviewed stated they were able to call their home countries. This issue was referred to the OIC for follow-up with the telephone vendor.

The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care. Medical care, food services and commissary are provided by LaSalle Corrections. Detainee telephone services are provided via a contract with Correct Solutions Group.

# **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

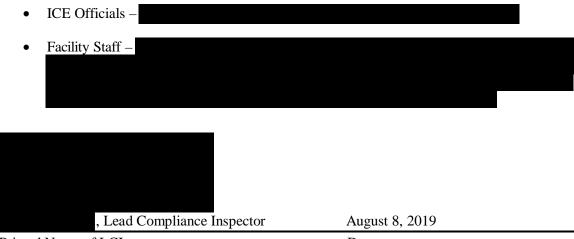
There were no areas of concern or significant observations.

#### **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. No (0) standards were found Deficient and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-seven (37) 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:



Printed Name of LCI

Date