

November 20, 2020

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Inspection of the Donald W. Wyatt Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019 of the Donald W. Wyatt Detention Center in Central Falls, Rhode Island during the period of November 18-20, 2020. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of the 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 NDS 2019 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the April 2019 annual inspection.

## **Inspection Summary**

The Donald W. Wyatt Detention Center is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) Yes
- 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 NDS (2000) and 2020 NDS (2019) annual compliance inspections:



2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	37
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	31
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified four (4) deficient components in the following four (4) standards:

Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities – 1 Special Management Units – 1 Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention – 1 Medical Care – 1

# **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility is located in Central Falls, Rhode Island which is a near north suburb of Providence, Rhode Island. The facility is owned by Providence County and operated by the Central Falls Detention Facility Cooperation; a quasi-public entity governed by a five-member Board of Directors appointed by the Mayor of Central Falls.

The remaining detainees were from the U.S. Marshal Service, the federal Bureau of Prisons, the United States Navy (General Court-Martial Convening Authority), and Providence County. The facility only houses adult male ICE detainees with a medium-high or high custody level. None of the ICE detainees presented with or claimed to have a disability or identified as transgender. The other populations are comprised of adult male and female detainees.

The facility is a single, three-story building built in 1993. It is surrounded by two fifteen-foot chain link fences supplemented with razor ribbon on top and bottom, which is supplemented by an interior shaker fence and microwave/movement detection technology monitoring the area between the fences. The entire building is encircled by a perimeter road that is patrolled by an armed officer in a vehicle on each shift. Surveillance cameras offer visibility around the entire perimeter, down the movement corridors, and into the housing units, common areas, and recreation areas. All exterior building doors are alarmed, controlled, and under constantly monitored camera surveillance. The facility is equipped with a 350-surveillance camera network that is monitored 24 hours a day by central control officers. The training department is located outside the secure perimeter.

There are thirteen individual housing units in the facility. Nine units range in size from eight to 36 two-bed cells, two units contain fourteen four-bed cells and one unit is a 56-bed dormitory. There is one special management unit (SMU) designed with 24 one-bed cells. There were two ICE detainees in the SMU on disciplinary segregation status during the inspection. The facility has dedicated sections of multiple housing units to serve as COVID-19 wings. The facility has endured rampant growth of active COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks, which has permeated the detainee populations and riddled the staff roster with personal and family sick leave.

Each general population living area has a common dayroom, which is equipped with a television, fixed table/chair units for detainees to eat their meals, play games, and gather for conversation. There are electronic tablets and one kiosk in each housing unit on which detainees can receive emails, conduct videovisits, send requests to facility staff, order commissary, and access entertainment programs. All an-



nouncements and schedules are posted on the dayroom and common area bulletin boards, and the housing unit kiosk. Detainees are provided indoor and outdoor recreation. Each housing unit has one law library LexisNexis computer workstation located in a dedicated room.

Inspectors interviewed just two detainees, which was the total response to the sign-up sheet and verbal requests urged by the compliance captain over the first two days of the inspection. The language line was not needed for either interview. The interviews were host to a litany of concerns from one detainee about his safety from the COVID-19 virus and subsequent diatribe voicing complaints that the food was awful, the health care treatment was poor, the staff was mistreating him, the facility was filthy, the water tasted bad, he could not get an article out of his stored property, etc. He had been at the facility for four days. The detainee rights SME discussed his comments with the compliance captain, the health services administrator, and the SDDO. All parties were familiar with the detainee; he has mental health disorders. His property concern is a bracelet in his personal property that the facility will not give to him; he believes it makes him invisible and, when he wears it, people cannot smell him. The other detainee arrived one month ago. He had no substantive complaints about his treatment, medical care, food, or contact with staff or ICE/ERO. He did, however, express concern for his health due to COVID-19. He claims he has done nothing wrong and should be sent back to Somalia before it gets colder. He felt safe at the facility and did receive his handbooks. He was aware limited programs and services were due to COVID-19 conditions and accepted the current practices as a safety measure designed to protect everyone in the facility. He was familiar with local ICE/ERO staff and stated he sees them frequently. Neither of these interviews resulted in a need for corrective action or further investigation.

An assessment of the general cleanliness of the facility could not be determined due to the remote nature of the inspection.

Medical and maintenance services are provided by Providence County Corporation employees. Food service is managed by Aramark. Detainee telephone services are provided by GTL. ICE detainees are not charged medical co-pays.

### **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no areas of concern or significant observations noted during the inspection. The inspection was conducted remotely, and inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility. The inspection team relied upon photographs and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards.

## **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that 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 National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019 for Over 72-hour facilities. No (0) standards were rated as Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). The remaining thirty-one (31) standards were found to Meet Standards.

### **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. A call-in out brief was conducted at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:



Date

- ICE Officials –
- Facility Staff –

Printed Name of LCI

, Lead Compliance Inspector November 20, 2020