

December 5, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Inspection of the Allen Parish Public Safety Complex

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual/180-day re-inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Allen Parish Public Safety Complex in Oberlin, Louisiana during the period of December 3-5, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

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

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

### **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual/180-day re-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 Does Not Meets Standards during the February 2019 inspection.

# **Inspection Summary**

The Allen Parish Public Safety Complex 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 PBNDS 2011 annual and 180-day re-inspections:



2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

2019 180-day Re-inspection	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified twelve (12) deficient components in the following nine (9) standards:

Emergency Plans - 2

Environmental Health and Safety – 2, one which is a repeat finding

Transportation (By Land) - 1

Special Management Units -1, which is a repeat finding

Tool Control – 1

Food Service - 1

Personal Hygiene – 2, one of which is a repeat deficiency

Correspondence and Other Mail - 1

Detainee Transfers - 1

## **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Allen Parish Public Safety Complex (APPSC) is owned by Allen Parish and operated under the jurisdiction of the Allen Parish Sheriff's Office. The facility is located sixty miles south of Alexandria, Louisiana. The facility houses adult low custody male ICE detainees.

The newly constructed 22,000 square foot building began housing ICE detainees on July 12, 2019. The physical plant includes one building with four general population housing units, as well as, one special management unit.

The control room is centrally located among the housing units. The building includes a medical unit and booking/processing area. All other services are provided in the adjacent facility.

The compound is a spoke design facility with administrative and support functions in the center hub and five housing unit wings radiating off the center circle. The compound is encircled by a secure perimeter comprised of dual chain link fencing spaced ten foot apart and supplemented with coiled rows of razor ribbon attached to the top of the fence lines. The entire perimeter and the inner facility are under the constant watch of control center deputies monitoring an 81-surveillance camera network. All exterior doors are alarmed and monitored by control center deputies.

Overall, the team found the atmosphere in the facility to be calm with no obvious indicators of high stress. Facility staff was observed interacting with detainees; the interactions were professional and conducted in a language understood by the detainees.



Each dormitory includes a dayroom area with tables and attached stools, one television, bank of telephones, LexisNexis computer work station and board games. All housing unit control centers have direct sight lines into the units. Detainee housing and program areas were observed to be maintained at average sanitation levels. Detainees were observed participating in board games, watching television and recreating on the outdoor yard. Detainees are not permitted to participate in the voluntary work program.

No less than 55 detainees were interviewed in formal and informal settings. The language line was used when interviewing LEP detainees. Detainees expressed satisfaction regarding health care, treatment by staff, participation in programs and activities, access to ICE officers and conditions of confinement. Two detainees stated that ICE officers are available, "but do not always answer their questions." During follow up with the ICE officers, it was determined that the two detainees "did not want to be deported." LEP detainees stated they have no problem communicating with staff. Several detainees housed in one unit stated "that the water is too hot." The administrative staff were aware of the concern and were working to resolve the issue.

Detainee telephone services are provided by Ally Telecom Group. All other services are provided by the Allen Parish employees. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care.

## **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 Meets Standards. 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 thirty-nine (39) standards were found to Meet Standards.

#### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and non-compliance 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 –
• Facility Staff –

, Lead Compliance Inspector

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