

May 31, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Detention Inspection of the Baker County Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS/SAAPI 2011) of the Baker County Detention Center in Macclenny, FL, during the period of May 29-31, 2019. This is an 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 NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Acceptable during the June 2018 annual inspection.

#### **Inspection Summary**

The Baker County 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) No

#### **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 2018 and 2019 annual inspections:



2018 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	2

2019 Annual Inspection		
Acceptable	37	
Deficient	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	2	

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

Correspondence and Other Mail – 1, which is a repeat deficiency Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities - 1

# **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Baker County Detention Center operates under the authority of the Baker County Sheriff's Office. The facility is located approximately 45 miles west of Jacksonville in rural Macclenny, Florida.

The facility houses ICE detainees of all custody levels. ICE detainees are housed separately from detainees from other jurisdictions in two-person or four-person cells. Detainees are permitted to be out of their cells the majority of the day socializing in the dayroom or enjoying other indoor recreational activities. The dayrooms are equipped with televisions, cards and board games, kiosks, telephones, and exercise equipment. An outdoor recreation area is also available which provides detainees with sunlight and fresh air. ICE personnel maintain an office in the facility and are available to the detainees daily.

The inspection team visited the ICE detainee housing units numerous times during the inspection observing detainees interacting with each other and with facility staff. Detainees were relaxed and spoke to the inspectors without hesitation. Detainees were interviewed in groups and in a private, confidential setting. LEP detainees were interviewed by a bilingual inspector or via a telephonic translation service. The detainees voiced no concerns regarding their safety. They stated that they are treated with respect by facility staff.

During detainee interviews, several medical concerns were voiced. Each detainee's medical record was reviewed and in each case the detainee had already been evaluated and was receiving treatment. In two of the cases the detainees were being treated by community physician specialists.

Concerns were expressed by several detainees regarding the amount of food provided on the satellite trays. The menus have been analyzed by a registered dietitian and certified to be nutritionally adequate and meet the recommended dietary requirements (RDA). Observation of the food tray makeup operation revealed portion sizes were consistent with the dietitian approved menu.

All areas of the facility were visited and found to be secure, properly ventilated, well-lit, and with sanitation levels being maintained at above average levels. The housing units were observed to be clean and graffiti free. Hot water temperatures were observed to be maintained within industry standards. An in-



spection of the facility overall reflected a positive environment and no issues being noted with the conditions of confinement.

The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care. Health services are provided by Armor Correctional Health Services. Food service operations are provided by Trinity Services Group. All other services are provided by Baker County employees.

# **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no areas of concern or significant observations during the inspection.

# **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/SAAPI 2011). 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:

