

November 4, 2020

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

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

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual hybrid inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019) of the Nye County Detention Center in Pahrump, Nevada, during the period of November 2-4, 2020. This is an IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of the compliance Inspector. Team Members were:

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

# **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual hybrid 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 December 2019 ninety-day follow up inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Nye 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 2019 ninety-day follow up inspection and 2020 NDS 2019 annual inspection:



2019 Inspection (NDS 2000)	
Meets Standards	37
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2020 Annual Inspection NDS 2019		
Meets Standards	31	
Does Not Meet Standards	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	2	

The inspection team identified twenty-six (26) deficient components in the following eleven (11) standards:

Environmental Health and Safety – 6
Admission and Release – 3
Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities – 1
Special Management Units – 1
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention – 2
Food Service – 4
Suicide Prevention and Intervention – 2
Disability, Identification, Assessment, and Accommodation – 3
Recreation – 2
Telephone Access – 1
Detainee Handbook - 1

#### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Nye County Detention Center is owned by Nye County and operated by the Nye County Sheriff's Office in Pahrump, Nevada. The facility opened in 2012 and houses male and female local jail inmates and male detainees for the USMS and ICE.

The facility is a single level, podular design structure with the housing units surrounding a single control center. The housing units are under visual supervision of detention technicians in the control center. Roving housing unit deputies provide additional supervision. The facility is currently housing male ICE detainees of all custody classifications. The electronic Guardian System tracks all facility and detainee activity "in real time".

ICE detainees are housed with other detainees with compatible classification designations. Detainees were relaxed and were observed socializing in their housing unit dayrooms, watching television, talking on the telephones and visiting on the tablets. General visitation is conducted via video. Outdoor recreation is provided.

All areas of the facility were toured during the inspection and sanitation was noted to be average in most areas.

During the inspection, team members toured the housing units multiple times interviewing detainees either in groups or in a private, confidential setting. No less than twenty-two detainees were interviewed. LEP detainees were interviewed by the bilingual inspector. No detainees expressed any concerns about their treatment by staff and all stated they felt safe at the facility. There were no substantive complaints about food or medical services. Detainees stated that "they like the tablets and text messaging device". One detainee stated that his video visit with his wife was "cut of". The sergeant assisted the detainee to resolve the concern. Five detainees were asked if they had used the OIG hotline. Al five stated "that they



did not need to use the line, but were familiar with the option."

ICE detainees are not charged co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care. Health care services are provided by Serenity Mental Health. Medical staff are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Food service management is provided by Summit.

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

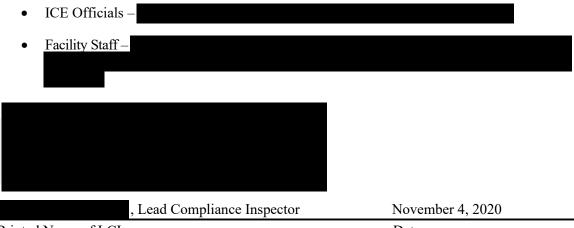
There were no concerns or significant observations during this inspection.

## **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019) for Over 72 hour facilities as evidenced by no (0) Standards rated as Does Not Meet and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-one (31) 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-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 (two SMEs via conference call) the following were present:



Printed Name of LCI

Date