

December 3, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]
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FROM: [REDACTED]
Lead Compliance Inspector
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Adams County Correctional Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011 with 2016 revisions) of the Adams County Correctional Center in Natchez, Mississippi during the period of December 1-3, 2020. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of [REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector. Team Members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Security	[REDACTED]
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]
Medical	[REDACTED]

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled remote annual 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 Meets Standards during the November 2019 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Adams County Correctional Center is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) – Yes
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) – Yes
- 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 inspection and the 2020 PBNDS 2011 annual inspection.



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2019 Annual Inspection		2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	40	Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0	Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0	Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2	Not Applicable	3

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

Environmental Health and Safety - 1
Staff Detainee Communication - 1, which is a repeat deficiency
Disciplinary System - 1
Correspondence and Other Mail - 1, which is a repeat deficiency

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Adams County Correctional Center is located approximately 97 miles north of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and twelve miles east of Natchez, Mississippi, in central Mississippi. The facility was originally constructed in 2007 by CoreCivic and housed United States Bureau of Prisons inmates. The facility started housing ICE detainees in June of 2019. In August 2019, all Bureau of Prison inmates were moved out and since then the facility only houses male and female ICE detainees of all custody levels.

The facility is operated by CoreCivic through an IGSA with Adams County. [REDACTED]

Per the warden, the facility operates with a combination of direct and indirect supervision units all through the unit management approach. The special management unit and high security level housing units are direct supervision, and all others are indirect supervision. The housing units include a barber shop and a multipurpose room used for programs and an electronic law library. As described by the warden, the facility is a single level structure containing six general population housing units; three of which contain dormitory beds in six pods and three contain cell housing in three pods.

Detainees are afforded both indoor and outdoor recreation with required safety procedures implemented due to COVID-19 such as limiting the number of detainees in recreation and program areas to allow the required spacing. The warden explained that each dormitory contains a large dayroom area equipped with tables, chairs, telephone banks, commissary kiosks, and televisions. Board games, puzzles, playing cards, exercise equipment, video game systems, and movies are available. A microwave oven is also provided. Outdoor activities include pull-up and sit-up stations, volley-ball, basketball, handball, soccer, and walking in the exercise yards. Detainees with a less than high security classification may participate in the voluntary work program.

The inspection team interviewed via telephone a total of 21 detainees including ten LEP detainees (by bilingual inspectors or with translator services), females, males, and detainees in administrative and disciplinary segregation. All 21 of the interviews were conducted in a confidential setting including all LEP detainee interviews. Detainee interviews revealed an overall favorable opinion of medical care, access to legal materials, detainee mail system, access to telephones, and the opportunity to speak to facility supervisors and officers. There was one detainee interviewed that was too emotional to complete the interview. The detainee was referred to the medical department. A mental health professional met with the detainee within hours. Detainees interviewed were asked if they had filed a grievance and/or had called the OIG hotline. When they responded in the negative, detainees



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were informed of the grievance process and the availability of the OIG hotline. All staff interviewed via telephone exhibited a positive professional demeanor and attitude.

Pursuant to COVID-19 protocols, ICE suspended on-site general/social visitation at all ICE facilities in March 2020. Legal and professional visitation are exempt from this suspension. The suspension of contact visitation will be in effect through April 5, 2020 at which time the decision to reinstate contact visitation in consultation with the Mississippi State Department of Health and ICE will be evaluated. To alleviate the impact of the visitation suspension, ICE provides each detainee at the facility with 520 free phone minutes per month. Each detainee receives thirteen, ten-minute telephone calls each week. These free phone minutes can also be used for video visitation via the electronic tablet.

Due to the remote nature of the inspection, based on video presentations, photographs, staff and detainee interviews overall sanitary conditions were determined to be acceptable.

During this inspection period, detainee medical care was provided by CoreCivic medical staff. ICE detainees are not subject to medical co-payments for medical, mental health, or dental care. Food service operations are provided via a contract with Trinity Services Group, Inc. CoreCivic personnel provide all other services.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or significant observation 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. Additionally, interviews via telephone were conducted with multiple key staff members.

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 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 forty (40) 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 telephone call-in out brief was conducted at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following participated in the call:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff - [REDACTED]

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