

November 7, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Cambria County Prison**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2000) of the Cambria County Prison, Edensburg, PA, during the period of November 5-7, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

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

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

### **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS 2000 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the November 2018 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Cambria County Prison is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - No
- 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 2018 and 2019 annual inspections:



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<b>2018 Annual Inspection</b>	
Acceptable	38
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

<b>2019 Annual Inspection</b>	
Acceptable	38
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

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

- Admission and Release - 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Correspondence and Other Mail - 1, which is a repeat deficiency

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Cambria County Prison is a [REDACTED] direct supervision facility located in Ebensburg, PA. The facility is governed by the Cambria County Prison Board, which is made up of three county commissioners, the sheriff, the district attorney, the controller and the president judge. The facility houses adult male and female detainees for ICE, the U.S. Marshal Service and local and state jurisdictions. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There were no female ICE detainees housed at the facility during the inspection. [REDACTED]

The housing units provide adequate open space and detainees were observed socializing in the dayrooms and watching television. Detainees have access to telephones, board games, a leisure library and a microwave in the dayrooms. The atmosphere was calm and detainees approached the inspection team without hesitation.

ICE detainees are commingled with other populations of similar classification custody levels. The dormitory style and cell type housing units where ICE detainees are detained were observed to have an acceptable level of sanitation. There were several temporary beds (boats) observed on the floors in two different housing units. According to supervisors and officers interviewed, ICE detainees are never assigned to these temporary beds. Interviews with detainees confirmed this practice. An inspection of the facility overall reflected a positive environment, acceptable conditions, and no issues being noted with the conditions of confinement.

There was a total of 36 interviews conducted with detainees. Confidential interviews were conducted with eight LEP detainees by a bilingual inspector. There were also eight confidential detainee interviews conducted with English speaking detainees. All the detainees interviewed stated that they were receiving services, were offered recreation frequently and did not fear for their safety. The detainees stated they were treated with respect by staff. All detainees interviewed stated that they have had frequent contact with the assigned ICE officer. One detainee claimed that he had a brain tumor removed prior to his admission to the facility; that he was still suffering from headaches and told the inspector that he had made a sick call request four days prior to the interview, but still had not seen the doctor. The medical SME followed up on the complaint and found that there was no record of the detainee having a brain tumor removed. The detainee was also examined by the facility's medical staff who had no record of his claim. The staff also found no visible signs indicative of a surgical procedure to remove a tumor. Staff did treat the detainee for his headache. Another detainee claimed that the facility's LexisNexis application was a 2010 version of the application. An inspector and a counselor explained to the detainee that the 2010 date on the application was the copyright date and that application was last updated in September 2019.



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The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care. Health services are provided by PrimeCare Medical. All other services are provided by Cambria County employees.

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

There were no areas of concern or significant observations noted 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 National Detention Standards (NDS) 2000 for Over 72 hour facilities. No (0) standards were found Deficient and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-eight (38) standards were found to Meet Standards.

### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and noncompliance 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:

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Printed Name of LCI

Date