

October 31, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Broward Transitional Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Broward Transitional Center in Pompano Beach, FL during the period of October 29-31, 2019. The facility is a CDF.

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 Care	[REDACTED]

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standard during the October 2018 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Broward Transitional 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 2018 and 2019 PBNDS 2011 annual compliance inspections:



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2018 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

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

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Broward Transitional Center is an ICE Contract Detention Facility (CDF), owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc., and is located in the northern section of Pompano Beach, FL in a primarily commercial area. This CDF houses low custody adult male and female ICE detainees. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The detainee population has decreased by approximately twenty percent since the last inspection.

Previously serving commercially as a two-story hotel, the facility was renovated for use as a civil detention center. There are 117 rooms, each of which houses either four or six detainees. The facility has divided the rooms into three housing areas designated as North Housing, West Housing, and South Housing. Males reside in the North and South housing areas and the females reside in the West housing area. The male detainee rooms open directly to the outdoor walkways. The female detainee rooms are in an enclosed building. The male housing areas consist of upper and lower rooms that are not locked, except when a room is unoccupied and unassigned. The female rooms are all on the second floor, in a separate building. There is no segregation or special management housing. Any detainee needing placement in segregation is transferred immediately, as there is no SMU at this facility. This facility is a model of civil detention, very appropriate for low classification detainees.

An onsite administrative building serves the needs of ICE officials and the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR).

Every detainee room has a television and a bathroom with a sink, toilet, and shower. Each room has a panic alarm in the sleeping area and another in the bathroom for the eventuality that a detainee will need immediate staff assistance. There are 114 telephones located throughout the facility for detainee use, and fifteen electronic tablets in the female living area. The tablets are loaded with games and have the capacity to make telephone calls, as well as perform other functions. There is a large centralized outdoor recreation yard in which all detainees are offered at least seven hours per day of recreation. The dining room space also serves as the visiting room and a multi-purpose room, hosting volunteer speakers, bingo, and other activities regularly.

No less than ninety detainee interviews were conducted during the inspection, including forty formal interviews. Without exception, detainees stated that they feel safe at the facility. Confidential and LEP interviews revealed no issues communicating with staff or obtaining services. Ten detainees expressed their dislike of the menu or portions in food service. The Safety SME verified that the portions were within dietary guidelines and that the menu was approved by a dietician, as required by the Standard. One detainee complained of prostate issues. The Medical SME reviewed the medical record and determined that the detainee had undergone treatment with a specialist and was currently under extended care for his issues. One detainee expressed her dislike for Puerto Rican staff.

All facility staff must complete training on appropriate interactions with detainees, and the training seems effective, based on the positive interactions the inspection team observed. Employees are professional in appearance and demeanor, and knowledgeable of the ICE detention standards. There is a relaxed atmosphere throughout the facility. The sanitation level is above average. Detainee uniforms are clean and neat.

All services are provided by Broward Transitional Center staff.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

The facility was completely evacuated on August 30, 2019 as a precaution for impending weather, and was re-populated by September 8, 2019. The evacuation and return presented no issues and was managed according to the Standards.

The facility achieves optimal compliance with several conditions of the standards, such as medical care for women, NCCHC Certification, space and staff for ICE Tele-Health systems, access to the law library, outdoor recreation, and telephone access.

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 Standards and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) 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 – [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Printed Name of LCI

Date