

November 8, 2018

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

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 in Ebensburg, PA, during the period of November 6-8, 2018. 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 2000 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the December 2017 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 2017 and 2018 annual inspections:



2017 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	38
Deficient	0
At Risk	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	1

2018 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	38
Deficient	0
At-Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team identified seventeen (17) deficient components in the following thirteen (13) standards:

Admission and Release -2, one of which is a repeat deficiency

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

Detainee Handbook - 2

Food Service - 1

Issuance and Exchange of Clothing, Bedding and Towels – 1

Access to Telephones – 1

Detention Files -1, which is a repeat deficiency

Environmental Health and Safety - 1

Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities – 1, which is a repeat deficiency

Key and Lock Control – 2

Security Inspections – 1

Tool Control – 1

Sexual Assault and Abuse Prevention and Intervention - 2

# **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Cambria County Prison is a	direct supervision facility located in Ebensburg, PA. The war-
den reports to the Cambria County priso	on Board, which is made up of three county commissioners, the
sheriff, the district attorney, the controlled	er and the president judge.

The housing units provide adequate open space and detainees were observed socializing in the dayrooms and watching television. Detainees also 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. During multiple tours of the housing units, the inspection team conducted confidential interviews with twelve detainees and informal interviews with several groups of detainees. No detainees voiced any substantive complaints. One detainee stated that he had been unable to file a grievance as there were no grievance forms in the housing unit. Inspectors obtained a form from the housing unit officer for the detainee. Another detainee stated that he had spoken to a counselor and had requested to call his family two days ago and the counselor had not yet taken him to the office to place the call. The lieutenant was informed and he stated that he would ensure that the detainee was permitted to make the call. The detainees stated they were treated with respect by staff.

Confidential interviews were conducted with four LEP detainees with the assistance of a language line. Detainees were asked if they felt safe being housed at this facility; had access to medical care and ample



opportunity to attend programs and services. All the detainees interviewed stated that they were receiving services, offered recreation frequently and did not fear for their safety. Detainees seemed pleased with the quality of food, but felt that food portion sizes should be larger. One detainee complained that medical staff was not providing proper medical care to him for an alleged mouth infection. The circumstances of his complaint were provided to the shift supervisor who contacted medical services to have the detainee medically evaluated. A second detainee raised some concern about being the only detainee in the facility of Chinese descent and anticipated linguistic barriers to communication. The detainee's name was provided to ICE for an interview. All detainees interviewed noted that they have had initial contact with the assigned ICE deportation officer or frequently see him in the detainee housing areas.

ICE detainees are comingled with other populations of similar classification custody levels. The dormitory style and cell type housing units where ICE detainees are detained were observed to need general cleaning, sanitation and repair. The toilets and sinks were clean, mold, mildew and rust free with hot and cold running water. Showers needed general cleaning and sanitation as mold, mildew, rust and chipped paint were observed. In addition, not all sinks and showers were operational and different shower curtains had mold. Graffiti was observed in one toilet stall. There were eleven temporary beds (boats) 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.

The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care. Health services are provided by Prime Care Medical.

#### **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 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:

ICE Officials –
 (telephonically)
 Facility Staff



, Lead Compliance Inspector November 8, 2018
Printed Name of LCI Date