

July 11, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

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

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS/SAAPI 2011) of the Chase County Detention Center in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, during the period of July 9-11, 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]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

### **Type of Inspection**

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

### **Inspection Summary**

The Chase 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 2018 and 2019 annual inspections:

<i>2018 Annual Inspection</i>	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

<i>2019 Annual Inspection</i>	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified nineteen (19) deficient components in the following ten (10) standards:

Admission and Release – 1, which is a repeat deficiency  
Issuance and Exchange of Clothing, Bedding and Towels – 1, which is a repeat deficiency  
Disciplinary Policy – 3, two of which are repeat deficiencies  
Emergency Plans – 1, which is a repeat deficiency  
Environmental Health and Safety – 3, one of which is a repeat deficiency  
Security Inspections – 2, both are repeat deficiencies  
Special Management Units (Administrative) – 2, both are repeat deficiencies  
Special Management Units (Disciplinary) – 2, both are repeat deficiencies  
Tool Control – 2  
Staff/Detainee Communication – 2, one of which is a repeat deficiency

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Chase County Detention Center (CCDC) is located in rural Cottonwood Falls, Kansas approximately 100 miles southwest of Kansas City, Missouri. The facility is owned by Chase County and is operated under the jurisdiction of the Chase County Commissioners. The indirect-supervision facility was built in 1992 [REDACTED]. The facility houses adult male and female Chase County detainees, surrounding county detainees and ICE detainees. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The facility currently houses Low and Medium custody ICE detainees. Male ICE detainees are housed separately from detainees from other jurisdictions in cell and dormitory housing units ranging in configuration of two-person cells to 16-24 bed dormitories. Female ICE detainees are currently housed with female detainees from other jurisdictions. Detainees are permitted to be out of their cells the majority of the day socializing in the dayroom or enjoying other indoor recreational activities. The dayrooms are equipped with televisions, cards, board games and telephones. A large recreation area is also available which provides detainees with exercise opportunities outside their housing units.

The inspection team visited the ICE detainee housing units' numerous times during the inspection, observing detainees interacting with each other and with facility staff. Detainees were relaxed and spoke to the inspectors without hesitation. Detainees were interviewed in groups and in a private, confidential setting. LEP detainees were interviewed via a telephonic translation service. The detainees voiced no concerns regarding their safety. They stated that they are treated with respect by facility staff. There were no concerns regarding food and numerous detainees stated that the food was "great". Detainees confirmed that ICE personnel visit the housing units weekly. It was noted that there have been no detainee grievances filed during this inspection period.

During the interviews, five medical concerns were voiced. The Medical SME reviewed medical charts with the nurse and noted that all of the detainees' medical concerns were being appropriately addressed by the nurse and they were scheduled to see the physician's assistant as needed.

All areas of the facility were visited and found to be secure, properly ventilated, well-lit and with sanitation levels being maintained at an average level. The housing units were observed to need additional cleaning. Areas around bunk beds were cluttered with excess food items being stored and areas were cluttered. Minimal graffiti was observed. The showers/toilets were in need of additional cleaning to eliminate soap scum. Sufficient hot and cold running water is available as required.

The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care. Health care and food service operations are provided by Chase County employees.

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

A fire drill was conducted during the inspection and it was noted that several of the officers were not familiar with the evacuation procedures. The emergency keys were not drawn and central control was not responding when officers requested doors be opened. It was determined that the volume on the radio in central control had been turned down. The issues noted during the drill were discussed with the OIC who stated that when they have a fire drill it is a simulated exercise and the majority of the employees have never participated in an actual evacuation drill.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS/SAAPI 2011) for Over 72 hour facilities. No (0) standards were found Deficient and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-seven (37) 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-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]  
[REDACTED] (telephonically)
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

July 11, 2019

Printed Name of LCI

Date