

February 28, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Detention Inspection of the South Texas Detention Complex

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the South Texas Detention Complex in Pearsall, TX during the period of February 26-28, 2019. This is a CDF.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member	
Safety		
Security		
Medical Care		
Detainee Rights		
Medical Care		

## **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 previous rating of Meets Standards during the March 2018 inspection.

#### **Inspection Summary**

The South Texas Detention Complex 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 annual compliance inspection:



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

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

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

Grievance System – 1 Staff-Detainee Communication – 1

#### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The South Texas Detention Complex is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. The facility is located sixty miles south of San Antonio in Pearsall, TX.

The facility is a linear structured building with all support services, administrative offices and housing units accessible off one long central corridor. The facility is enclosed by two twelve-foot chain link fences, which are supplemented with razor ribbon and a microwave detection system centered between the fences, which provides detection for the entire perimeter. There is a paved perimeter road around the compound that is patrolled by an armed officer 24 hours a day. There are 246 surveillance cameras which monitor the entire perimeter, and critical movement and common areas inside the facility.

The facility has 26 general population housing units configured into dormitory settings ranging from 64 to 100 beds. Five of the housing units were quarantined during the inspection due to a mumps outbreak. The day rooms are furnished with televisions, telephones, tables with fixed seats and ample open space. Each detainee has a personal property storage locker and is provided a combination lock at no charge. The special management unit is divided into two separate units; a 32-bed male unit at one end of the facility and an 18-bed female unit at the opposite end.

The atmosphere in the housing units was relaxed and muted. Detainees were communicative when approached by staff and they chatted freely with the inspectors. The inspection team interviewed several male and female detainees publicly and privately in segregation, the housing units, in intake, on work assignments and in the medical unit.

Interviews were conducted with the assistance of bilingual staff and use of the language line. Throughout all detainee interviews no substantive complaints or concerns were registered when questioned about personal safety, treatment by staff, medical care, asylum requests, consulate/court access, ICE services, visiting privileges, law library access or food services. All detainees have access to indoor/outdoor recreation every day.

Security staff orchestrate the daily schedule in choreographed escorted line movements from housing units to program and activity sites. Most staff are bilingual and manage the demands of their posts with no sense of importunity.



Medical services are provided by IHSC uniformed and contract personnel. There are no medical copayments. Food and maintenance services are provided by GEO personnel. The facility maintains an above average level of cleanliness.

# **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no areas of concern of significant observations.

## **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 Meets Standards and Does Not Meet Standards 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 –

 Facility Staff other executive and administrative staff

, Lead Compliance Inspector

Printed Name of LCI

Date