

May 16, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Inspection of the Bristol County Jail and House of Correction

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2008 of the Bristol County Jail and House of Correction in North Dartmouth, MA during the period of May 14-16, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of Team members were:

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

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2008 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the May 2018 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Bristol County Jail and House of Correction 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 the 2019 PBNDS 2008 annual compliance inspections:

2018 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

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

Special Management Units - 1, which is a repeat deficiency Terminal Illness, Advance Directives and Death – 1, which is a repeat deficiency

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Bristol County Jail and House of Correction is located in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The facility operates under the general oversight of the Bristol County Sheriff's Office. The facility houses adult male and female ICE detainees and Bristol County detainees of all custody levels. ICE detainees are housed and comingle with non-ICE detainees of compatible classification levels.

The compound has eighteen separate housing areas. Housing unit configurations range from one-bed cells to 66-bed dormitories. There are three special management units, two for males and one for females. The compound is comprised of three separate building/housing units, each area is surrounded by chain link fences supplemented with razor ribbon. The perimeters of the building/housing units are patrolled by an armed officer on each shift. The perimeter checks are either vehicular or foot patrol, which are sometimes accompanied by a canine escort. The perimeters are under constant camera surveillance, monitored by central control personnel. The facility is equipped with multiple surveillance cameras. The camera network is currently experiencing a complete replace/upgrade renovation.

The atmosphere in the housing units was indifferent but quiet. Detainees were observed on the outdoor recreation yards and in the housing unit dayrooms. Activity levels were slow and subdued. Several detainees were interviewed on the yards, in the housing units, in the medical unit and in the common areas. There were three complaints regarding food not being hot enough and two medical concerns regarding health care personnel not tending to the detainees' expressed needs. The allegations were investigated by the subject matter experts on the inspection team and found to be inaccurate. Food temperatures were within normal ranges during the inspection and log book entries throughout the inspection period reflected the same. However, the dishwashing machine was out of order during the inspection and meals were being served on Styrofoam clam trays, which historically are not as good as the insulated trays. The lament of a lack of medical care was simply not true, medical files of the two detainees were reviewed and indicated attention and medication were delivered on both occasions relative to the specific concerns stated to the inspector.



Staff/detainee interaction was relaxed and normal. Facility employees are experienced and resolute in their instructions. There was no discussion when detainees were asked to do anything, just compliance. Detainees' daily movements are orchestrated and orderly.

The inspection team interviewed 47 LEP and English-speaking detainees publicly and privately in the housing unit and common areas. They registered no substantive complaints or concerns when questioned about their personal safety, treatment by staff, medical care, asylum requests, consulate/court access, ICE services, visiting privileges, law library access or food services.

Medical services are provided by personnel and contractors of Correctional Psychiatric Services. Maintenance and food services are provided by Bristol County employees. The facility maintains an adequate level of sanitation.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or 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) 2008. No (0) Standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-nine (39) 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-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 –	
•	Facility Staff –	
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	personnel	and other departmental and administrative

, Lead Compliance Inspector May 16, 2019

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