

June 13, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

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

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2008) of the Irwin County Detention Center in Ocilla, Georgia, during the period of June 11-13, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of the 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 PBNDS 2008 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the June 2018 inspection.

#### **Inspection Summary**

The Irwin 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:



2018 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	40
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	1

2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	40
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team identified eight (8) deficient components in the following five (5) standards:

Admission and Release – 1 Classification - 1 Staff Detainee Communication - 3, all of which are repeat deficiencies Food Service – 1 repeat deficiency Personal Hygiene – 2, both of which are repeat deficiencies

## Facility Snapshot/Description

The Irwin County Detention Center is a facility owned and operated by LaSalle Corrections Southeast and governed by the Irwin County Commissioners. The facility houses male and female ICE detainees, U. S. Marshals Service detainees, and Irwin County inmates.

The single story facility consists of individual cells, multi-bed cells, 32-bed dormitories, and 100-bed dormitories. The 100-bed dormitories are supervised by direct supervision. The housing units provide adequate open space and detainees were observed socializing in the dayrooms, using the tablets, playing board games, and watching television. Detainees were also observed working in the kitchen, receiving barber services, and using the computers in the law library. The entire facility is climate controlled.

The atmosphere was relaxed and detainees were observed interacting with facility staff and other detainees. Detainees approached the inspection team without hesitation. Detainees were interviewed in the law library. Both detainees stated that library services are readily available.

The inspection team visited the housing units several times during the inspection and conducted numerous group and confidential interviews. No detainees expressed any concerns about their safety. Three detainees complained about medical services. The Medical SME reviewed the medical files and interviewed a nurse. All three detainees had been seen by the medical unit staff within the week and had numerous visits with health care staff. The Language Line was used to conduct interviews of LEP detainees. The inspection team conducted no less than 95 detainee interviews; 30 of which were formal interviews. Five detainees complained that they did not "like the food". However, a large percentage of detainees stated that the "food was very good". The Safety SME confirmed that the menu contained a satisfactory variety of ethnic foods, portions met the requirements of the standards, and was served at appropriate temperatures. Most of the detainees requested information regarding their cases. They were advised to submit a request to their assigned ICE officer.



Sanitation throughout the facility was observed to be average. Graffiti is prevalent in the cells. This issue was discussed with the administrator. He stated he was aware of the concern and was working on a solution.

The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care. Health services and food services are provided by LaSalle Corrections Southeast employees.

## **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 for Over 72 hour facilities. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) standards were found to Meet Standards.

### **LCI Assurance Statement**

Printed Name of LCI

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:



, Lead Compliance Inspector June 13, 2019

Date