

March 18, 2020

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

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

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Dorchester County Detention Center in Cambridge, Maryland during the period of March 17-18, 2020. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of the second plane, Lead Compliance Inspector. Team 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 NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the March 2019 inspection.

#### **Inspection Summary**

The Dorchester 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 2019 and 2020 NDS annual compliance inspections:



2019 Annual Inspection		
Acceptable	37	
Deficient	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	2	

2020 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified twenty-seven (27) deficient components in the following twelve (12) standards:

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

Detainee Handbook – 6

Food Service - 1

Funds and Personal Property – 1

Issuance and Exchange of Clothing, Bedding and Towels − 1

Recreation – 1

Terminal Illness, Advanced Directives and Death – 4

Environmental Health and Safety – 2

Key and Lock Control − 3

Security Inspections – 1

Tool Control – 2

Use of Force - 4

## **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Dorchester County Detention Center is located in Cambridge, Maryland, approximately 80 miles southeast of the Baltimore/Washington International Airport. The facility, constructed in 1992, is owned and operated by the Dorchester County Council. The Dorchester County Council and Homeland Security ICE are currently negotiating a service contract for the facility. The requested contract specifications are targeted for low classification level adult male and female ICE detainees. There were no ICE detainees housed in the facility during this inspection period.

It currently houses adult male and female detainees from Dorchester County.

This inspection was shortened to two days due to the

COVID-19 situation.

The facility is a one-story building housing the Dorchester County Detention Center and Dorchester County Sheriff's Office. The building is enclosed by two twelve-foot chain link fences, which are supplemented with razor ribbon. There is a perimeter road around the compound that is routinely patrolled by an unarmed officer. There are 48 surveillance cameras which monitor the entire perimeter and critical movement and common areas inside the facility. All movement is escorted.

The facility has four adult male general population housing units each configured into two tiers with eight two-bed cells on each level and two female general population housing units designed into two separate units each with eight two-bed cells. There is one special management unit for males consisting of fifteen one-bed cells and one unit for females consisting of two cells each with two-beds. Housing units receive indirect supervision from roving officers.

There are two outdoor recreation yards and one gymnasium. All detainees are afforded at least one hour of outdoor recreation five days a week and daily indoor dayroom time. The housing units each have a dayroom area equipped with a one television, two telephones and fixed chair/table units on which detainees eat their meals, play board games, converse with one another or watch television. Each housing unit



has one fixed video-visit station, which doubles as a kiosk for ordering commissary, filing detainee requests and viewing the local handbook and LexisNexis collection. Additionally, each detainee is assigned a personal electronic tablet on which they can replicate the kiosk functions, plus make telephone calls, access games and read books. Each detainee is provided an open top personal property storage container.

Cleanliness and sanitation throughout the facility were observed to be average. Detainee telephone and tablet services are provided by Securus Technologies; medical services by Wellpath; food service operations are contracted with Aramark; and maintenance services are the responsibility of Dorchester County employees. ICE detainees will not incur medical co-pays.

# **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 Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS). 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 noncompliance 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:

Printed Name of LCI	Date	
, Lead Compliance Inspector	March 18, 2020	
• Facility Staff –		
- Facility Staff		
• ICE Officials –		