

October 3, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the Performance-Based ICE National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility Jail in Elizabeth, New Jersey during the period of October 1-3, 2019. This is a CDF.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of [REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector. Team members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Safety	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]

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 October 2018 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility 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 inspections:

2018 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	41
Deficient	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	1

2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	41
Deficiency	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility is located in an industrial warehouse area in Elizabeth, New Jersey across the Hudson River from New York City. The facility is operated by CoreCivic. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The facility currently houses adult male and female ICE detainees with medium and low custody levels. [REDACTED]

The facility opened in 1996. It is a one-story building that houses the detention center, ICE/ERO offices, and three courtrooms. The perimeter of the compound is comprised of the exterior walls of the building and sections of twelve-foot chain link fencing supplemented with barbed wire. Part of the perimeter is enhanced by microwave alarms and motion detection systems which are monitored by central control officers. All of the building's exterior doors are alarmed and controlled by central control officers. The perimeter of the facility is foot patrolled by an unarmed officer at least once each shift on an irregular schedule. The facility has a 97 surveillance camera network that monitors the entire perimeter and all of the housing units, common areas, and movement corridors; there are some blind spots inside the facility. All movement is escorted.

All general population detainees are housed in nine dormitory style housing units ranging in size from 20 to 44 beds. There are also two six-bed dormitories used specifically for turn-arounds (Customs and Border Patrol airport cases) and one special management unit consisting of twelve one-bed cells; one cell dedicated for females and eleven cells for males. All housing units are managed under direct supervision by officers.

Housing unit dayrooms are equipped with two televisions, fixed dining/seating tables where detainees can play board games, cards, engage in social interactions with one another and watch television, and two kiosks on which detainees can order commissary and check their account balances.

All detainees have access to indoor and outdoor recreation daily. Indoor recreational equipment, intramural sports, and audio-visual entertainment stations are available for use during the detainees' three hours of indoor recreation time which occurs outside of their housing units.

Detainees spoke freely with the inspection team in the housing units and on their work details. The inspection team conducted several open and confidential interviews with English speaking and LEP detainees using interpreters and the language line. Some interviews were conducted during meal times sitting at the tables with the detainees and conversing about the status of their immigration case and their stay in the facility. Overall the detainees voiced no substantive complaints or concerns when questioned about their personal safety, treatment by staff, conditions of confinement, medical care, asylum requests, consulate/court access, ICE/ERO services, visiting privileges, law library access, food services, or recreational opportunities. Some detainees complained that the mattresses were too thin. The safety and medical SME discussed this concern with the assistant OIC who stated CoreCivic recently ordered new eight-inch mattresses for all facility beds. And, there was one concern specific to housing unit H where detainees stated only one of the four sinks was fully operational. The safety



SME discussed the issue with the maintenance supervisor who promptly dispatched his plumbing technician to investigate/repair the sinks.

Medical care is provided by ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC); food service and maintenance services are provided by CoreCivic employees. Detainee telephone services are provided by Talton and the housing unit kiosks are operated by Keefe Group (commissary service provider). ICE detainees are not charged a medical co-payment.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no concerns noted in any of the components.

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 Deficient and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty-one (41) 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:

- ICE Officials – On-site ICE/ERO representatives
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Date