

October 1, 2020

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Inspection of the McHenry County Adult Correctional Facility

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual remote inspection for compliance with the National Detention Standards (NDS) of the McHenry County Adult Correctional Facility in Woodstock, Illinois, during the period of September 29 - October 1, 2020. 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 remote 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 June 2019 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The McHenry County Adult Correctional 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 2019 and the 2020 annual compliance inspections:



2019 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	38
Deficient	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	1

2020 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	1
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team identified twenty-seven (27) deficient components in the following eleven (11) standards:

Correspondence and Other Mail - 2, both of which are repeat deficiencies

Food Service - 4

Recreation - 1, which is a repeat deficiency

Emergency Plans - 5

Environmental Health and Safety – 6

Hold Rooms in Detention Facility - 2, one is a repeat deficiency

Key and Lock Control - 1

Special Management Unit (Administration) - 1

Special Management Unit (Disciplinary) - 1

Transportation (Land) - 1

Staff/Detainee Communications - 3

Facility Snapshot/Description

The McHenry County Adult Correctional Facility, located in Woodstock, Illinois, is owned and operated by the McHenry County Sheriff's Office. The facility is approximately fifty miles northwest of the Chicago O'Hare International Airport. The facility houses all custody levels of male and female ICE detainees and local McHenry County inmates.

The facility was described by the Point of Contact as a multi-level building with the administrative offices in the front on the non-secure side of the building. Inside the secure facility are various program offices, the medical department, and the food service department. According to the Point of Contact, there is no perimeter fence; the walls of the building constitute the perimeter of the facility. The physical plant includes four separate general population housing units with twenty individual housing sections spread across these four units. All detainee housing is cell design with capacities ranging from twelve to 64 beds. Four general population housing sections are under direct supervision from an officer's post inside each housing section and sixteen housing sections receive indirect supervision from officers in the control tower and a roving officer. Stationary cameras are also located in each housing unit, hallways, and other areas. In addition to the general population housing, the facility has housing designated for both male and female special management. The housing unit assignments have been modified to meet the COVID-19 restrictions. The population is divided into "under fourteen day" and "over fourteen day" classifications. Housing rosters confirmed that detainees are housed according to compatible classifications.

Photographs confirmed that general population dayrooms are equipped with tables, chairs, televisions, telephones, board games, one kiosk for ordering commissary items, and one/two kiosks used for video visitation. Activity records confirmed that detainees housed in general population have access to one of four indoor recreation areas one hour per day, seven days per week. Activity records confirmed that



detainees in the special management units are offered one hour and fifteen minutes out-of-cell time daily. The facility does not provide outdoor recreation. ICE detainees participate in the voluntary work program.

As the inspection was conducted remotely, the team reviewed photographs to observe sanitation levels. Photographs confirmed that sanitation levels were acceptable.

Seventeen detainees volunteered to be interviewed by the inspection team. Once the interviews commenced, five detainees refused to participate. Interviews with LEP detainees were facilitated by use of a telephonic translation service. Detainees voiced few concerns or complaints. One detainee said he had contacted OIG but couldn't remember why he had called the hotline. Each detainee asked questions regarding their immigration case. Three detainees complained about the restrictions put in place due to COVID-19. Three detainees complained that the housing unit was "too cold." An air movement survey conducted by an outside contractor indicated that the average mixed temperatures in the facility was generally 72 degrees Fahrenheit. However, the Point of Contact planned to follow up with the maintenance department.

Detainees, overall, stated that they felt safe and were generally satisfied with the interaction, responsiveness, and professionalism of facility and ICE staff and with access to services.

The facility does not charge a co-pay for medical, mental health, or dental care. Medical services are provided by Wellpath. Food service is provided via a contract with Aramark.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

The inspection team identified twenty-seven (27) component deficiencies. Several components were rated deficient due to the inability of the inspectors to observe practices and procedures within the facility, or video/photographic evidence of practices and procedures within the facility. There is no indication otherwise that compliance with these components is at issue; however, without absolute confirmation, the components requiring observation had to be rated as Deficient.

Emergency Plans standard was rated as Deficient. Inspectors were not provided emergency plans to confirm that standard guidelines are followed.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Acceptable unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards. One (1) standard was found Deficient and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-seven (37) 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-324 Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. A remote out brief was conducted and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

• ICE Officials –



• Facility Staff –

, Lead Compliance Inspector

October 1, 2020

Printed Name of LCI

Date