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TO:

Assistant Director Custody Management

FROM:

ching Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT:

Annual Inspection of the Immigration Centers of America - Farmville

**Detention Center** 

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a remote annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Immigration Centers of America (ICA) – Farmville Detention Center (FDC) in Farmville, Virginia, during the period of February 22-24, 2021. This is a DIGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of 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 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the February 2020 annual inspection.

#### Inspection Summary

Immigration Centers of America – Farmville Detention Center 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 2020 and 2021 PBNDS 2011annual compliance inspections:



2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	41
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

2021 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	39	
Does Not Meet Standards	1	
Repeat Findings	0	
Not Applicable	3	

The inspection team identified sixteen (16) deficient components in the following six (6) standards:

Special Management Units - 1 Staff-Detainee Communication - 1 Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention - 1 Disability Identification, Assessment and Accommodation - 10 Correspondence and Other Mail - 1 Visitation - 2, both of which are priority components

## Facility Snapshot/Description

Farmville Detention Center (FDC) is owned and operated by Immigration Centers of America (ICA). The facility is situated in a rural area seventy miles southwest of Richmond, Virginia.

housing all custody levels of ICE adult male detainees.

There have been no new admissions since June 2020.

According to the compliance manager, detainees are currently housed in eight of the nine dormitories with populations of similar custody levels. There are two celled units used for special management housing. The facility is a single-story building operated under the direct supervision model. Photo images of living units confirmed that the units are well lit with both natural and artificial light and have adequate open space for detainees. Dayrooms are furnished with tables and chairs for detainees to participate in leisure time activities within social distancing guidelines. Photographs confirmed the availability of board games (Checkers, Chess, Connect 4, Scrabble, Sorry, UNO, Rummikub), reading materials and television. Movie night is held twice a week throughout the dorms. Detainees have access to electronic tablets to check account balances, review the detainee handbook, and send and receive SMS text messages. Five outdoor recreation areas are available to general population detainees. Recreation privileges, which include four soccer fields, one volleyball field, a basketball court, and outdoor workout equipment, are available for four hours daily weather permitting. Indoor recreation is not available due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The inspection team interviewed thirty detainees remotely. Most detainees reported satisfaction with program services, facility/ICE staff availability and professionalism, telephone services and law library services. All detainees stated they felt safe except one detainee who stated he did not feel safe due to "gang activity in the facility." He did not request protective custody. The following issues were raised during the interviews:

Issue: Detainees stated that outdoor recreation privileges have been limited.

Follow up: The recreation specialist advised that due to the inclement weather, ice storms, and field conditions, fifteen days were missed in the month of February.

Issue: Four detainees complained about the food (i.e., cold, monotonous, no fruit).

Follow up: The safety SME reviewed the menus and temperature logs. Both were within standard requirements. Several detainees advised the safety SME that "the food is good".



Food services are provided by Trinity Services Group. Medical services are provided by Armor Correctional Health Services. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care. The facility doctor, dentist and mental health services are contracted with local providers.

#### Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

The inspection was conducted remotely and inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility. The inspection team relied upon photographs and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards.

Two priority components were rated **Does Not Meet** in the **Visitation** Standard.

Component 5: General visitation is permitted during set hours on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and, to the extent practicable, the facility also establishes visiting hours on weekdays and during evening hours. The facility accommodates the scheduling needs of visitors for whom scheduled visiting hours post a hardship. The number of visitors a detainee receives and the length of visits are limited only by reasonable constraints of space, scheduling, staff availability, safety, security, and good order.

Findings: General visitation was suspended by ICE officials on 3/13/2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Component 9: The facility's written rules shall specify time limits for visits. Visits should be for the maximum period practicable but *not less than one hour* with special consideration given to family circumstances and individuals who have traveled long distances.

Findings: Detainees are afforded one free thirty-minute video visit per week.

The **Disability Identification**, **Assessment and Accommodation** Standard was rated **Does Not Meet**. Policy has not been established addressing timelines for reviewing requests; facility modifications; reassessments, or the formation of a multidisciplinary team for reviewing detainee requests for accommodation. A disability compliance manager has not been named.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. The facility complies with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011. One (1) standard was found Does Not Meet Standards and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-nine (39) standards were found to Meet Standards.

### LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of Meets Standards and Does Not Meet Standards 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 remotely and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following participated:

ICE Officials –



• Facility Staff —

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