

October 23, 2020

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Detention Inspection of the Winn Correctional Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Winn Correctional Center in Monroe, Louisiana during the period of October 19 - 21, 2020. This is an IGSA.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member	
Detainee Rights		
Security		
Medical Care		
Safety		
Medical Care		

### **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 October 2019 inspection.

#### **Inspection Summary**

The Winn Correctional 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) -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 2020 annual inspections:



2019 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	40	
Does Not Meet Standards	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	2	

2020 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	41	
Does Not Meet Standards	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	2	

The inspection team identified six (6) deficient components in the following four (4) standards:

Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention - 1 Special Management Units - 2 Personal Hygiene – 2, both are repeat deficiencies Correspondence and Other Mail - 1

# **Facility Snapshot/Description**

This inspection was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Observations were conducted via a review of photographs and/or videos. Interviews were conducted via telephone The Winn Correctional Center is operated by LaSalle Corrections. The facility is located in the northeast section of the State of Louisiana in the Kisatchie National Forest.

It houses adult male ICE detainees and adult male State of Louisiana Department of Corrections inmates. The facility houses all classification levels.

The complex consists of twenty separate buildings sitting on eighty acres of land. The complex is encircled by two twelve-foot chain link fences supplemented with razor ribbon on the top and bottom of both fence rows and a motion detection system. The perimeter includes a paved road that is patrolled by two officers; one of which is armed. The entire perimeter is under monitored camera surveillance. The camera network consists of 36 cameras that monitor some of the housing units but all of the movement corridors and yards. There are blind spots throughout the complex.

Each of the five housing units is configured in an X-shaped design with each of the building's four wings containing dormitory settings of 44 beds. Housing units are managed by direct and indirect supervision. There is one special management unit consisting of thirteen cells of which eleven of them are double-bunked. The health care unit contains a four-bed observation area and three negative air-pressure rooms.

Each housing unit is designed with a dayroom area consisting of one television and fixed table/chair units where detainees can play games, watch television or converse with one another. All detainees are afforded indoor and outdoor recreation time daily. The complex has eleven outdoor recreation areas. Indoor recreation includes basketball, volleyball, and ping-pong. The recreation program includes chess, checkers, and soccer tournaments. All detainees eat in one central dining hall except for special management unit and health care detainees; they are provided trays for dining in their units.

No less than seventeen detainees were interviewed by the inspection team via telephones in confidential settings and at least five of the interviews were with LEP detainees using interpreters on the telephone. The detainees voiced no substantive concerns regarding life/safety issues, conditions of confinement, treatment by staff, access to facility or ICE/ERO personnel, access to medical services, meals served,



clothing issued, law library, laundry exchange schedules, telephone access, visitation procedures, access to recreation areas, or the variety and availability of established program and activities. Two of the LEP detainees complained that they had received injuries and did not receive any treatment by medical. The medical SME reviewed the medical charts of both individuals and found that they both had indeed received injuries but both had been provided prompt treatment. Detainees interviewed stated that the facility is maintaining an average level of cleanliness and sanitation.

ICE/ERO detainees are not charged medical co-payments. Food and maintenance services are provided by LaSalle Corrections employees. Medical services are provided by contractors and/or employees of LaSalle Corrections.

# **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no areas of concern or significant observations noted during the inspection. 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.

#### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standard 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. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty-one (41) standards were found to Meet Standard.

#### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and noncompliance 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 remotely and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following participated via telephone:

ICE Officials –
 Facility Staff –

, Lead Compliance Inspector October 23, 2020
Printed Name of LCI Date