

August 15, 2019

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Monroe County Inmate Dormitory

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Monroe County Inmate Dormitory in Monroe, Michigan during the period of August 13-15, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of tor. Team 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 NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the August 2018 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Monroe County Inmate Dormitory 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 2018 and 2019 annual inspections:



2018 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	38
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

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

The inspection team identified three (3) deficient components in the following two (2) standards:

Transportation (Land Transportation) - 2 Staff Detainee Communications - 1, which is a repeat deficiency

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Monroe County Inmate Dormitory is owned and funded by Monroe County and is governed by the Monroe County Sheriff and County Board of Commissioners. The facility is located approximately 35 miles southwest of Detroit in a rural area of Monroe, Michigan. The facility houses adult male Monroe County, U.S. Marshals Service, and ICE detainees. No female or minor detainees are housed in the facility.

The facility houses minimum custody

level ICE detainees.

The facility consists of two Sprung Instant Structures connected by an enclosed arterial walkway. The facility opened in 2000. The secure perimeter of the compound is enclosed by two chain linked fences with the interior fence protected by a 50,000-volt stun fence. The entire perimeter is under camera surveillance which is continuously monitored by central control officers. The perimeter is foot patrolled on each shift by an officer armed with a Taser. All exterior doors are alarmed.

There are two general population housing units; each configured into a dormitory. ICE detainees are routinely housed in one housing unit. There is no special management unit at the facility. The housing units are managed by direct supervision. Both housing units have access to one adjacent outdoor recreation area. Access to the recreation yard alternates between the two housing units during waking hours. The atmosphere during the inspection was relaxed. Detainees interacted freely with one another, staff, and the inspectors. Staff were professional in appearance and attitude and demonstrated a working knowledge of standard requirements. Dayroom activities include watching television, playing cards, reading, and talking on the telephone. Detainees were observed participating in outdoor recreation. Detainees are permitted to participate in AA/NA Counseling, Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT), and education programs.

Detainees spoke with the inspection team without hesitation. The inspection team conducted no less than 45 detainee interviews. Ten interviews were held in a confidential setting. Five interviews with LEP detainees using a language line were conducted. Without exception, each detainee stated that he felt safe. Seven detainees complained about lack of scheduled outdoor recreation. A review of thirty day's documentation of outdoor recreation confirmed that outdoor recreation was offered twenty-eight out of thirty days. The two days that outdoor recreation was not offered was due to "extreme heat conditions". The standard requires that outdoor recreation be offered five days per week. The facility routinely offers outdoor recreation on a daily basis as confirmed by documentation. One detainee voiced a medical concern regarding "pain in his fingers". The medical SME reviewed the detainee file and interviewed the nurse. It was confirmed that the detainee had not submitted a medi-



cal request. The issue was brought to the attention of the assistant jail administrator (AJA). An officer will be assigned to provide a tutorial on how to use the kiosk. An appointment was scheduled for the detainee to see the nurse. Eight detainees complained that showers are only offered from 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The AJA stated that due to the physical plant structure, showering in the morning minimizes the humidity in the dormitory. The majority of detainees stated that staff are professional. Detainees had no concerns with library services, medical services, telephone availability, visitation, or food services. Medical services are contracted to Advanced Correctional Healthcare. All other services are provided by Monroe County employees. Cleanliness and sanitation was observed to be above average.

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:



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