

February 13, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Prairieland Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Prairieland Detention Center in Alvarado, Texas during the period of February 11-13, 2020. This is a DIGSA.

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

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[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 rating of Meets Standards during the February 2019 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Prairieland Detention 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 PBNDS 2011 annual compliance inspections:

<b>2019 Annual Inspection</b>	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

<b>2020 Annual Inspection</b>	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified five (5) deficient components in the following five (5) standards:

Special Management Units – 1, which is a repeat deficiency  
 Staff-Detainee Communication – 1, which is a repeat deficiency  
 Use of Force and Restraints – 1  
 Medical Care – 1, which is a repeat deficiency  
 Detention Files - 1

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Prairieland Detention Center, a DIGSA facility is located in rural Alvarado, Texas, forty miles south-east of Dallas. The city of Alvarado, PFC Board of Directors owns the facility. The facility, which is managed and operated by LaSalle Corrections pursuant to a contract with ICE, houses adult male and female ICE detainees of all classification levels.

ICE maintains an on-site presence in the facility.

The facility design includes thirteen general population dormitories. One linear segregation unit houses male detainees. Dormitory capacities range from 36 to 82 beds. Each dormitory has a dedicated outdoor recreation area that detainees may freely access as well as a separate indoor common area for leisure time activities. Each dormitory is furnished with televisions and telephones and electronic tablets are available for detainee use. Board games and leisure reading materials are available. All detainee movement outside of the housing units is escorted.

The inspection team visited all areas of the facility and found the environment to be calm and sanitation was good in all areas. Detainees were observed interacting with each other and with facility staff. Detainees approached the inspectors without hesitation. Detainees were interviewed in groups or in a private, confidential setting in all housing areas. All detainees stated that they felt safe in the facility and a number of detainees stated that they had been housed in other facilities prior to arriving at this facility and they were very pleased with the services and treatment they are receiving now. Detainees stated that all facility staff are professional and treat them with respect. Several detainees stated that they had submitted requests to ICE for information regarding their cases and had not received any response. One detainee housed in segregation stated that he had filed several grievances with ICE and had received no response. The inspector spoke to ICE personnel who reviewed the logs and found that the detainee had submitted several requests which had been answered but that he had not filed any grievances.

Seventeen LEP detainees were interviewed individually. Fifteen were interviewed in Spanish by a bilingual inspector and two detainees speaking Russian and Mandarin were interviewed using the Language Line. All of the detainees stated that they felt safe at the facility and they were being treated well. One detainee did not like the food as it was not what he was used to. The detainee who spoke Mandarin only wanted to know when his court date was. He was advised to speak to his ICE officer.



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Housing units are managed by direct supervision. Officers are well versed in the requirements of the standards and the concept of civil detention. Food service operation consists of cafeteria style service in a central dining room for the male detainees. Female detainees are served via satellite feeding. Detainees in the segregation unit are also served via satellite feeding. Outdoor seating is available during meals for both males and females, weather permitting.

Food Services are provided by Summit. All other services are provided by LaSalle Corrections. Detainees are not charged co-pay fees for medical, dental or mental health services

### **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

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

### **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 Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) 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. 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 – [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Printed Name of LCI

Date