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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2007
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Garvey, Interim Executive Officer *MPG*
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM F: TAXICAB REGULATION ACTIVITY

Norton Medical Group, the agency selected to conduct drug testing, is sending a revised service contract. The Board may remember that the earlier version had an unacceptable "Indemnification" clause, which has been resolved. We plan an October 1, 2007 start date. Norton is in the process of negotiating agreements with labs in Marin County. Once their arrangements are set, we will know the actual expense and will set the administrative fee to cover the cost.

Deborah Creech is drafting a letter to the taxicab companies requesting additional information (i.e., a copy of their business licenses, the number of vehicles per company, make/model of each vehicle, VIN numbers and corresponding license plate numbers of each vehicle). This will tell us how many vehicle permits to order, as well as building the files necessary for an effective enforcement program. She also is requesting the contact information of the auto insurance carrier as well as their current auto declaration sheets.

As mentioned at your July meeting, Ms. Creech has been working on improving the current logo/permit making it more recognizable to local law enforcement and obtaining quotes on the cost of printing these permits.

She will be following up with Dave Byers to evaluate the enforcement aspects of our regulations, how this impacts law enforcement's ability to make stops and to issue citations to noncompliant drivers and/or vehicles.

cc: Deborah Creech