

**GOODHUE COUNTY  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (GCHHS)**



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

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| <b>Requested Board Date:</b> | April 15, 2025   | <b>Staff Lead:</b>  | Ben Hoyt   |
| <b>Consent Agenda:</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   | <b>Attachments:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>Action Requested:</b>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a deadline to the property owner for a final opportunity for them to address the issue prior to abatement (60 days)<br/><b>or</b></li> <li>2. Order the abatement of the public health nuisance</li> </ol> |                     |  |

**BACKGROUND:**

It was brought to the attention of Goodhue County Environmental Health (EH) by the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office that they had discovered a clandestine drug lab within the city limits of Red Wing, Minnesota.

Goodhue County's Environmental Health had the Sheriff's Office serve the property owner with the public health nuisance packet with the declaration of public nuisance, the abatement order, a copy of the property owner's responsibilities from the ordinance, an informational packet developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about Meth/Fentanyl lab contamination and cleanups, and a list of professional services that can perform the necessary abatement.

The owner had retained the services of Scene Clean to perform the testing and prepare for a cleanup. Scene Clean provided an estimate of approximately \$40,000 with a note that if post remediation still exceed health limits that they would need to provide further remediation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Actions Options:**

1. Provide a deadline to the property owner for a final opportunity for them to address the issue prior to abatement (60 days)  
or
2. Order the abatement of the public health nuisance