

Medina County officials create Overdose Fatality Review Board



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MEDINA — The Medina County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board announced the creation of the Overdose Fatality Review Board.

Similar to the [Child Fatality Review Board](#), board members will meet quarterly to discuss certain cases and ask the more difficult questions when it comes to overdose fatalities.

“It really gets us thinking as to ‘OK, let’s really look at this,’” ADAMH Executive Director Phillip Titterington said. “See what those factors are and then we have all the right people at the table to reach out and say, ‘What do we need more, what do we need to focus on?’”

The Medina County Health Department took the lead and helped create the Overdose Fatality Review Board, which now consists of multiple mandated individuals throughout the county such as the sheriff and members from the ADAMH board. In addition, the staff of the Hope Recovery Community is a part of the board to help discuss different options.

The board was created to examine overdose cases and try to figure out if there was something that was missing. Questions such as, “Do we need to do more?” and “What happened here?” are asked in each case, trying to find the commonalities throughout.

The ultimate goal is to look for new ways for, or ways to improve, the prevention of overdoses in the county.

“You hate to see a death be the reason that you realize that maybe there's a different way or maybe there's something else that could be done,” said Krista Wasowski, Medina County health commissioner. “I guess the positive from it is that any change or any insight that's gained is something that's going to save another life and probably more than one.”

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