



Mental Health and Recovery Services Board

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The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties has released the **Calendar Year 2018 Overdose & Suicide Death Report**. The 2018 report is the most recent data provided by the Ohio Department of Health. In the Board's district, a total of 36 individuals died by unintentional overdose, while 27 individuals died by suicide. However, overall, unintentional drug overdose deaths are declining compared with the previous year, while suicide deaths are increasing. The full report is posted on the Board's website at www.mhrsbsw.org. "Overdose and suicide deaths are preventable, and behind every single death is a grieving family. There are many people and agencies in our communities fighting daily to stop these numbers from claiming even more," said Director Mircea Handru.

"Our Suicide Prevention Coalition has been working hard to educate the community on suicide prevention and awareness in hopes to reduce the number of suicide deaths in the Board District. If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved with the coalition, please contact me at 419-448-0640 or via email at coordinator@mhrsbsw.org" - Nicole Williams, the Board's Prevention and Education Coordinator.

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