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Hi all!

This week at the Hub has been busy. It started on Monday with the Hub hosting a Roundtable on Youth Substance Use. The roundtable was in collaboration with the Governor's office and their "Capitol for a Day" Campaign, Department of Health, and the United Way of Addison County. During the meeting we were able to listen to a discussion about drug use prevention led by a group of teen interns working with the UWAC.
It was exciting to see teens lead a conversation about a topic that so directly affects them and have it at the Hub. We also received recognition for serving as an organization that has been dedicated to prevention work since the day we opened. The meeting brought some folks into the Hub that had never been or hadn't been in years and were pleased by the "glow-up". One person who got to see the new look was the old Hub director, Ena Backus! She recommended the space to the Governor's office as a place to hold the meeting. It was great to talk to her about how the Hub has changed since she was the director.

The Hub will be partnering with UWAC for their PEEPS (Partners Educating and Empowering Prevention for Success) program run by Jesse Brooks. It is a group of community members, folks that work with youth, and youth to work towards increasing and improving prevention methods in Addison county as a means to reduce drug use. The Hub has been asked to host the kick-off event, which we are very excited to do!

I have been reading old town reports to get an understanding of the past funding sources and it has been enlightening. I am learning about organizations who give grants that I would not have heard of and about the timeline of all the things that have been accomplished at the Hub.

Alex, Meridith, and I attended the Community discussion meeting held at the high school on

November 20th that was focusing on the upcoming changes to the district. No decisions were made but it was interesting to learn more about the problems facing the schools, and the community. Knowing about what could potentially be coming down the pike is helpful for long-term planning for the Hub as well. You can find additional information about what is going on and what the discussions are here: http://www.mausd.org/school-boards/community-engagement-committee.

We repainted the bathroom!! It's cleaner and looks more like the rest of the interior. We will be doing some more repainting and projects next week on Wednesday.

Monday and Tuesday we will be hosting out PREP course (https://www.healthvermont.gov/children-youth-families/adolescent-health/adolescent-sexual-health). The class is full which is super exciting. We host PREP courses as part of a grant from the Vermont Department of Health. We have been teaching the PREP courses since 2012 and plan on continuing to teach it for the foreseeable future.

We will be receiving a donation from the food shelf of another turkey, Alex and I began planning a dinner for the teens to attend so we can cook some turkey and talk with the kids!

We are looking forward to the next CAB meeting on December 5th at the Hub. We hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving , or if you don't celebrate the holiday that you get to enjoy some relaxing time off with loved ones.

See you soon!

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