

## **The Successful AMHB Summer Employment Research Program (ASERP) Continues for the Summer of 2007!**

ASERP offers a wage subsidy to service organizations for employing students to work on projects related to mental health research, evaluation and quality improvement. Final results of the pilot program evaluation indicate that the initiative achieved its main objectives of building mental health research capacity, training the next generation of mental health research/evaluation professionals and increasing awareness of mental health issues.

Based on the success of the pilot program, ASERP will continue in 2007 and the number of positions offered will increase from 20 to 25. In 2007 the program will invite participation from health regions, Aboriginal community groups and non-profit organizations involved in providing mental health services. ASERP applications and program information will be available in January 2007. A copy of the evaluation report is available on the AMHB website:

[www.amhb.ab.ca/What\\_We\\_Do/research/default.asp](http://www.amhb.ab.ca/What_We_Do/research/default.asp).

## **Mental Health Research Showcase - Planning for 2007**

The AMHB and its major partner, BC Mental Health and Addiction Services, hosted the second Mental Health Research Showcase held October 30 to November 1, 2006, at the Rimrock Hotel in Banff.

Ninety-three per cent of evaluation respondents agreed that the conference was worth attending and 87 per cent plan to attend the Showcase conference in the future. Delegates were impressed with the venue, the quality of the speakers and the material presented. Over 80 per cent of respondents indicated that the information presented was relevant to their work setting. Planning for the November Showcase in 2007 is already underway. We will notify you once the dates have been confirmed.

## **Mental Health Research Chairs Recruitment is Underway**

A Chairs Recruitment Steering Committee, with representatives from the AMHB, health regions, various ministries and the universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge, are guiding the recruitment process. This committee will be assisted by a small Expert Scientific Advisory Panel composed of national and international experts whose role it is to review applications for quality, innovation and scientific relevance.

The objective is to recruit three chairs working in mental health services and population health research with expertise in one of the four mental health priority themes: effectiveness of mental health services and systems, child and adolescent mental health, mental illness and addictions and workplace mental health.

### **For More Information**

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*On behalf of the AMHB research team, we wish you all the best during the holiday season!*

