**Evaluation of a Managed Alcohol Program**

**Part-Time Research Assistant Position Available**

**Project Summary**

Canadians with unstable housing often experience problems relating to alcohol and other drug use, which can create barriers to entering or retaining stable accommodation. Problems may be compounded by use of hazardous non-beverage alcohol such as rubbing alcohol, mouthwash and hand sanitizers. One almost uniquely Canadian response to the complex and multiple problems experienced by people with unstable housing and severe alcohol use disorders is the provision of Managed Alcohol Programs (MAPs). These programs aim to improve health and social outcomes by providing shelter or housing alongside regulated access to less hazardous forms of alcohol. MAP participants receive accommodation, supports, and most critically, alcohol up to a certain number of doses each day to be consumed on-site.

The purpose of the proposed research is to conduct an evaluation of the Ottawa MAP. The present study is part of a national project to be conducted at 5 MAP sites located across Ontario and British Columbia. Benefits, potential harms and best practices will be investigated by accessing health and police records, conducting brief interviews monthly for up to 1 year and in-depth interviews with clients and program staff. The results of this research will be used to inform the development of program and policy recommendations.

**Job Description: Part-Time Research Assistant (RA)**

The primary responsibilities of the research assistant will be to assist with recruitment, data collection, data entry and analysis of both qualitative and quantitative data in Ottawa. A key activity and responsibility will be the development of relationships with the Ottawa Managed Alcohol Program as well as other agencies where participants will be recruited and interviewed monthly. The RA will be involved in team meetings and will have opportunities to participate in the development of the final report for the project. The RA will be located in Ottawa and work under the direction of Drs. Tim Stockwell and Bernie Pauly (Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia), and Jamie Muckle (Ottawa Inner City Health). The study is ongoing, with a position start date of December 8, 2014 and will be part-time (1-2 days week) for a period of approximately 9 months and will require a flexible work schedule.

**Position Qualifications:**

The RA will have the following qualifications/experience:

* Interest or experience in the area of alcohol policy, harm reduction programming and/or preventing the harms of substance use.
* Undergraduate or graduate degree in a health or related discipline (E.g. social work, nursing, sociology, psychology).
* Previous experience with qualitative and quantitative interviewing.
* Demonstrate comfort and efficiency with Windows and common computer software such as Word, PowerPoint; e-mail and the internet; SPSS or NIVIVO preferred.
* Familiar with Tri-Council Guidelines for doing Health Research; TCPS2 CORE Certificate required
* Excellent interpersonal, organization and communication (oral and written) skills;
* Experience conducting library searches and using information systems;
* Ability to work independently and to be self-directed.

Please submit a CV and brief letter outlining interest and relevant experience to:

Jamie Muckle at jmuckle@ottawainnercityhealth.ca before *November 30, 2014 at 4:00pm*.