

INNOVATIVE TEACHING ACTIVITY

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW – EXAMPLES OF TOPICS

- Current job and work in Maternal and Child Health (MCH)
 - Initial interest in MCH
 - How got started in MCH work

- Early life
 - Memories of MCH issues from youth
 - Birthing practices, child services, etc.

- Early Career in MCH
 - Jobs or titles held
 - Activities performed

- Learning MCH
 - Skills or knowledge that have been most useful to your work in MCH
 - Skill development during career
 - Learning process- training vs. on job learning

- Significant changes in MCH witnessed in your career
 - Personal involvement in these changes
 - Major projects in MCH have been a part of

- Your most significant contribution to the field of MCH

- Most valued part of what you do

- Judging excellence in MCH

- What makes someone respected in the MCH field

- Role of government and MCH issues
 - Influence
 - Changes in MCH policy and issues throughout career
 - Relationship (government and MCH) changes compared to early career

- Future of MCH
 - Where headed
 - Necessary next steps

Forming Questions

- Use open ended questions
- Avoid loaded or leading questions
- Ask only one question at a time
- Adjust questions based on responses of interviewee
- Ask probe questions if needed

Possible Probe questions

- Could you explain?
- Can you give me an example?
- How did that happen?
- Could you define _____ ?