INNOVATIVE TEACHING ACTIVITY

ORAL HISTORY SAMPLE INTERVIEW GUIDE

Introduction

Could you describe how you first became interested in MCH work?

Early Career

What was the first job you had that was related to MCH?

What was your title?

What sorts of duties or activities did you perform?

MCH Projects and Contributions

What significant changes in MCH a) <u>policy</u>, b) <u>research</u> and/or d) <u>practice</u> have you witnessed in your career?

Were you involved in any of these changes?

What are some of the major projects in MCH that you have been a part of?

What would you say has been your most treasured contribution or experience that you have had in MCH?

What do you value most about what the role of MCH?

Are you currently engaged in MCH activities?

If so, please explain.

Government and MCH

Throughout your work in MCH, what have you noticed about the role of government and its influence on MCH issues?

What changes have you witnessed in this relationship?

Is the current relationship different than earlier in your career?

Excellence in MCH

What makes someone respected in the field of MCH?

Could you identify some people who you have admired in the field of MCH over the years?

Skills and Job Training

Reflecting back on your career, what skills or knowledge have been useful to you in your work in MCH?

How did you learn the skills you used in your MCH work?

What do you now know about MCH that you wish you knew earlier in your career?

Future of MCH

What do you think is the future of MCH?

What changes or evolutions do you think need to be made in the field as it progresses?

What advice would you give to developing MCH professionals?

Closing

Is there any other thoughts or comments that you would like to share regarding MCH?

Example probe questions

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