

ACNM Midwifery History Caucus

Guidelines for Your Interview

Thank you for volunteering to be interviewed for the Interview History Project. We want you to feel free to discuss whatever you decide is important. It is not necessary to answer all these questions. We are not looking for a summary of your entire career, but want to know the way it was/is at your particular time and place in history.

To start we will ask you some biographical information:

- Date and place of birth
- Date and place of basic nursing or other college education
- Date and place of your midwifery education and any other degrees you may hold

Next we will ask about what drew you to midwifery:

- When did you decide to go to school and what drew you to that particular educational institution?
- Was there a particular individual who influenced your decisions?
- Describe the attitude of your friends or family about your decision?

Next we will ask about your midwifery experience which may include:

- Where you first worked.
- How you were accepted within the healthcare system.
- What effect (if any) did the medical practice model have on your practice?
- Were there any regulation issues (from institutions or government) which affected your practice?
- Were there reimbursement issues which affected your practice?

In addition, you may want to:

- Describe a challenging or memorable experience that may have triggered joy, sadness, fear, or anger.
- Are there any other events or experiences you'd like to mention?
- Describe any events that happened that you would consider important to the history of midwifery.

Lastly, if you have retired, we will ask about your life after you stopped clinical practice:

- Describe your feelings. Did you have any adjustments to make and if so what?
- Do you remain engaged in the midwifery community either through ACNM or socially?
- What would help maintain your connection with ACNM?

You are welcome to have notes with you during the interview to which you can refer.

If you have pictures you would like to have included in the videotaping, please bring them with you.

Again, thank you for volunteering to contribute your story to the history of midwifery and to your service to women and their families throughout your career.