1. Did you attend a midwifery school or choose the portfolio program? (Describe your own plans and how you see your education improving your practice/apprenticeship) Why and how did that choice work out for you?
2. Have you had apprentices before? What would you do the same or differently with a new apprentice? Do you have a written apprentice policy or contract? (you can use the AAMI contract as an example) What are your expectations of an apprentice? Would you be agreeable to a trial period before deciding to work together?
3. Tell me about your birth philosophy. Who are your birth gurus?
4. How is your relationship with medical providers/hospitals? How do you manage referrals and transports?
5. Are you licensed? Are you a CPM? I am/am not/am unsure about planning to become a CPM/be licensed. Are there any special procedures for apprenticeship in this case? What are your opinions and experience with the different options for practice?
6. Tell me about your practice: how many clients/births do you attend each month? Do you have set prenatal days? What does a prenatal visit look like? Postpartum visit?
7. How do apprentices attain skills? Do you have a student group that you currently work with or that you recommend? What about workshops/conferences/peer review?
8. What kind of financial arrangement do you have with apprentices?