**Appendix A: Interview Guide**

Thank you for willingness to meet with me today. I appreciate you sharing your time to talk with me about your diagnosis and what life has been like since that first day. There may be times when you get tired or would like a pause. Please let me know and we can take a break.

**OPENING QUESTION:**

I would like to start our time together today talking about the time when you were diagnosed with cancer. Can you take me back to the time when you were diagnosed and what you experienced and were feeling and thinking?

**First set of probes: Time of diagnosis**

* Events, experiences, actions
* Feelings
* Thoughts

**Directions for constructing your hope trajectory:**

* On this piece of paper, I would like for you to share your own unique story of hope. You can draw hope however you would like. Please mark pivotal moments in your hope timeline where your hope changed, or memorable things happened to you along your cancer journey.

**Second set of probes: Hope Timeline**

*DIRECTIONS: Use the timeline to point specific time periods along the participant’s hope trajectory to facilitate recall.*

* Many young adults describe this motivating force as hope. Does this resonate with you? What does hope mean to you?

**Story past:**

How has hope changed for you since you found out about the cancer?

* What were you hoping for at that time of diagnosis? (goals)
* I see that your level of hope is (the same or different) from your time of diagnosis. Please you tell me about this?
* During your illness, tell me about the times that you’ve felt most hopeful.
* Now tell me about the times that made you feel least hopeful.

**Story present:**

* What does hope mean to you now?
* What helps you maintain hope? (Who, what, where?)
* At this point are there specific things you are feeling hopeful about?

**Story future:**

* Do you have specific plans or goals that you want to accomplish?