**Appendix A. Interview Guide**

1. Describe to me what happened after being diagnosed with ARDS and your recovery in the hospital and/or rehab center.
   1. Services like therapy, other care, anything about the staff?
   2. Anything or anyone that were particularly helpful during your recovery?
2. What kind of recovery programs/care did you receive (at the hospital or in rehab)?
   1. What did you accomplish? (try to understand decision-making process, goal setting)
   2. Are you still receiving those services/when did you stop receiving recovery services?
3. Tell me a bit about your life and your transition to home or wherever you are now.
   1. How did you know you were ready to transition home?
   2. How did you get around the house?
   3. What goals did you have once you got home?
4. What kinds of follow-up care did you receive after transitioning home (or where you are now)?
   1. Continued recovery services?
   2. Seen by PCP? (or whoever is managing follow-up)
5. What things do you remember being particularly hard for you physically?
   1. What have you done to overcome these problems?
   2. What problems have you solved?
6. What do you remember being particularly hard for you cognitively?
   1. What have you done to overcome these problems?
   2. What problems have you solved?
7. What do you remember being particularly hard for you emotionally?
   1. What have you done to overcome these problems?
   2. What problems have you solved?
8. Since the hospitalization when you had ARDS, have there been any periods where you made a lot of progress—where things really got better in your life? [PROMPTS: If so, how did that happen? Who or what helped the most?]
9. What kind of things have stood in the way of your recovery or prevented you from improving as best as possible?
10. What services would be helpful now? [PROBE: why aren’t you getting those services? How do you think you could access them?]
11. Have you had any problems with money since your ARDS? Can you tell me about those? [PROBE: housing/bills/ insurance/income/savings/skipped medical services or medications?]
    1. Who or what helped you deal with those problems?
12. How did your partner/friends/family feel after your ARDS?
13. How has your social life changed? [PROBE: mobility/access/driving]
14. What would you advise other patients who have just survived ARDS to do to best recover? [PROBE: where the suggestion/solution originated]
15. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about your recovery after your ARDS?