Role of Medical Physics in Federal and State Government

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• Membership on a State Advisory Board/Council
  – Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) Quick Survey
    • Does your state have one?
    • What does it encompass?
    • How are members obtained?

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- CRCPD Working Group Participation
  - Suggest State Regulations
  - National surveys (e.g., NEXT, brain perfusion)
  - White papers and guidance for state personnel

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- CRCPD Working Group Participation
  - Advisor – must be a CRCPD member
  - Resource Individual – represent your professional organization or federal agency
  - Peer Reviewer

Melissa Martin, AAPM Liaison to CRCPD

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- State Volunteer Corp
  - Volunteers assist with population screening, etc., during a crisis involving RAM
  - CRCPD, through the initial CDC grant, helped 5 states and NYC with recruitment, training, and registry of volunteers
  - New grant application submitted July 2011

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- Apprise state RCP of new technology

Thank You

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