More Value from the Value Stream

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“Value Streams represent the series of steps that an organization uses to build Solutions that provide a continuous flow of value to a Customer.”

(Scaled Agile Knowledge Base)
Stream or River?

“I had this idea of a fast, even-flowing river in which there were no dams that slowed the flow or rapids that sped it up. ...It was to be a river system where ideally the only materials flowing were those needed for cars that customers were now buying. There would be no unneeded parts, yet we would always have the parts that were needed.”

Taiichi Ohno, 1912-1990
Creator of the Toyota Production System
What we aspire to:  

Where we find ourselves:
Benefits of the Value Stream

Expected

- ART identification and organization
- Visualizing flow, lead time, process time
- Identifying delays, bottlenecks

Bonus

- Stream of ah ha! moments
- Clarity in a complex environment
- Invaluable aid to PI Execution
- High visibility focus on value delivery
Benefit to Product Management

- Feature Writing Workshop
- Backlog Prioritization
- Stakeholder Education and Management
Benefit to ART Execution

Make it visible to everyone via the team share

Make it a point of visual reference in

• Program Increment Planning
• Scrum of Scrums
• System Demos
• Inspect and Adapt Workshop
• UX Workshop
• Feature Writing Workshop
Value Stream Benefit to UX Design

UX Workshop

- The Value Stream Map used as a central artifact
- User personas and journey maps were correlated to the VSM and informed understanding of user experience
Success Multipliers

- Commit to doing it!
- Secure Management Sponsorship
- Make it visible
- Share it in many places
- Tell your story
- Do it again!
- Use the Value Stream to align the art and keep everyone’s focus on value
Thank You!

Questions?