**5-3 Journal: Developer**

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As a developer on the SNHU Travel agile team, I find that communication is key to success. When changes are made to a project, it is imperative that all members of the team are updated in a timely manner to ensure that there is no unnecessary rework. Also, if there are any aspects to the project that are not clear, questions should be raised to ensure everyone is on the same page and everything goes smoothly.

With the announcement of SNHU Travel management wanting to change directions to more of a focus on detox/wellness vacations, there are some questions that will need to be answered in order to continue and keep on track. There are a few questions that I would need answered after the brief update that was provided. First, I would like the product owner to clarify any additional need/wants that the customer were like applied while we are updating the work already completed. Another question would be if there are any specific detox/wellness specifications that would need to be taken into account. I would also ask about the layout and design of the product, since it will now be focused on detox/wellness, the customer may want a more relaxing look. These are just a few questions that would be asked, I would base all my questions to ensure that the software being created meets the customers expectations.

There are a few ways to ensure that I get the needed responses in order to continue moving forward. One option is to send an email with a high priority marker. This option is available, but in my opinion it is not always the best option if there is a time constraint. Another option would be to schedule an in person meeting to discuss the changes and any questions my team has. This, in my opinion, is the best option because we can ensure that our questions are answered in a timely manner. Having an in person meeting would also allow for a more in-depth conversations that can be completed in real time without having many back and forth emails.

The agile methodology allows us to be more flexible in our approach to development by allowing us to focus on smaller portions (sprints) at one time. When we have smaller sprints, we can fully focus on just that portion allowing us to have higher quality along with being able to complete the portion quicker. Having the small portions allows us to make the changes when needed without the need to completely revamp the entire project. The agile methodology allows the teams to go back and make changed, update, or clarify the sprints when needed.