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MOS Pods Energized After Detroit AppStudio

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Van Buren, Michigan - The Detroit Digital Hub wrapped up the one week MOS App Studio on March 30th. The focus: realigning the team on proper agile team methodologies to accelerate product delivery and team communication. Both Detroit pods work with the visiting Atlanta based Product Owners, which greatly improved the continuous feedback between the two groups. Through the use of visual aids such as Definition of Done/Ready, a Kanban board, and Impact/Effort graphs the team was able to better understand and prioritize their tasks.

The week ended with the two pods delivering quality software to the Product Owners and with the entire MOS team better understanding the changes they need to make going forward. Through activities such as a Lightning Decision Jam, the two pods have a clear idea on the problems that should be prioritized in the next sprint.

"I love [Lightning Decision Jam] not only for the AppStudio but I am taking that tool, that practice for my own staff ", said Francisco Montecinos, Vice President of Technical Product Management, Digital.

Key Accomplishments:

- Delivery of the first non-standard ERP to MOS
- Utilized GEOS to track team health and mood
- Increased collaboration between teams via co-location
- Optimized scrum activities through Scrum of Scrums and an improved Retro
- Better alignment on priorities and backlog between Product Owners and Developers

Challenges:

- Hitting roadblocks from other teams not being on the same understanding regarding Definition of Ready/Done
- Properly utilizing all members of the MOS team due to the change in environment
- Streamlining process to prioritize the most impactful user stories
- Understanding when a story is properly done after being delivered to and accepted by the Product Owner