Task 5: Curve Balls

Scenario 1

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**Diagnosis**

Agile is a bottom-up approach rather than top-down approach. Team collaboration must prevail over centralized management.

**Remedy**

Discuss with the team the importance of the collaborative approach in Agile.

Scenario 2

In the beginning of the sprint, the tasks were picked up by the development team. However, by the middle of the sprint, development team starts to look to Scrum Master to assign tasks to individual developers.

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**Remedy**

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Scenario 3

If a development team member, needs to discuss a task with the Product Owner, the developer Approaches Scrum Master to help set up a meeting with the Product Owner.

**Diagnosis**

There is a breakdown in communications between developers and business people. In Agile it is

Imperative that business and developers work together daily throughout the project.

**Remedy**

The Product Owner has to make sure there are open lines of communication with developers. The developers have to be comfortable to reach out to the Product Owner with any issue or outstanding questions.

Scenario 4

The team is using the latest Agile Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) tool because it is supposed to be most effective. However, most of the team is not familiar with it and is having hard time getting used to the tool.

**Diagnosis**

This is the effect of a new shiny toy. It might be the latest and greatest in Application Lifecycle

Management, however it is hindering the work rather than enhancing it.

**Remedy**

In most cases, the best ALM tool for the team is the one that most of the team members are familiar with. It is important to focus on individuals and interactions rather than tools.