## Succeed with Agile Practices Outside of Software

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### IS AGILE LIKELY TO HELP YOU?

OUR STAKEHOLDERS CHANGE THEIR MINDS FREQUENTLY

WHAT WE DELIVER TO THEM IS SELDOM THE SAME

WE NEED PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A DELIVERABLE

OUR DELIVERABLES ARE NOT OBVIOUS UPFRONT AND REQUIRE FEEDBACK

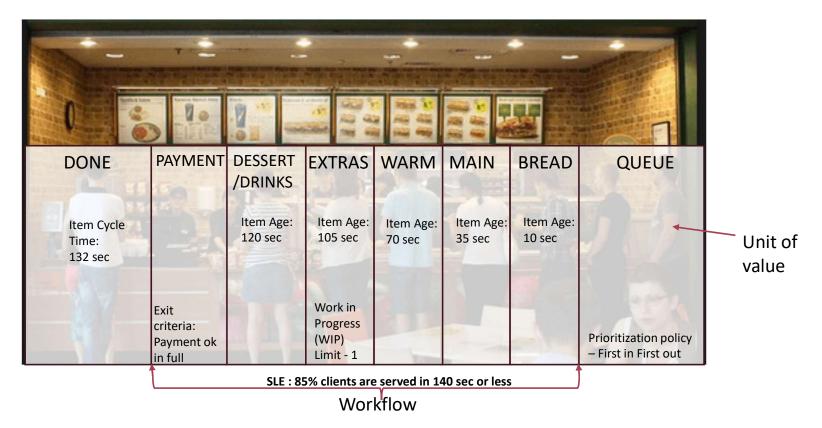
OUR STAKEHOLDERS EXPECT FASTER AND MORE RELIABLE DELIVERY

STRESS AND PRESSURE IN AND AROUND OUR TEAM IS PRESENT

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES TO MOST OF THESE SENTENCES

AGILE WILL LIKELY HELP YOU.

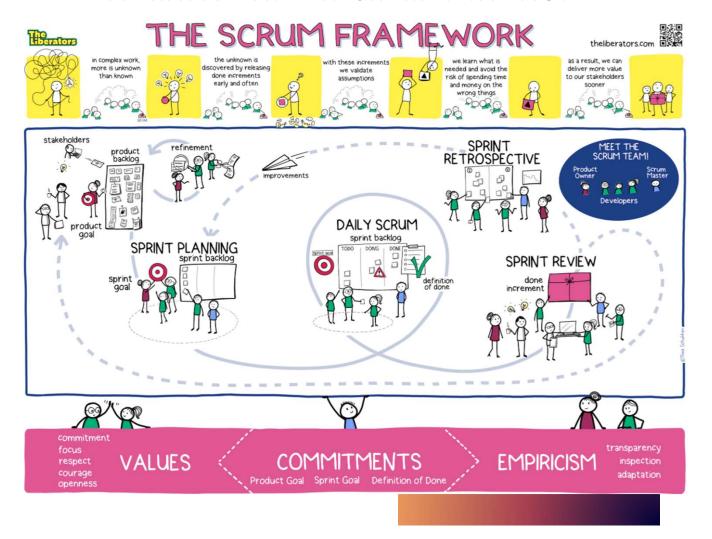
### KANBAN IS AGILE TOO



KANBAN IS VERY EFFECTIVE AS A STAND-ALONE APPROACH OR AN EXCELLENT

COMPLEMENT TO OTHER FRAMEWORKS

### ITERATIVE AND INCREMENTAL AGILE



INSURANCE COMPANY

DEFICIENT HR PROCESSES

PRODUCT GOAL: DECREASE
THE TIME TO HIRE BY 75%

EX. OF PRODUCT BACKLOG ITEMS:

- CUSTOMER SUPPORT ROLES
  - IT ROLES
  - ACTUARIAL ROLES

CUSTOMER SUPPORT DEEMED

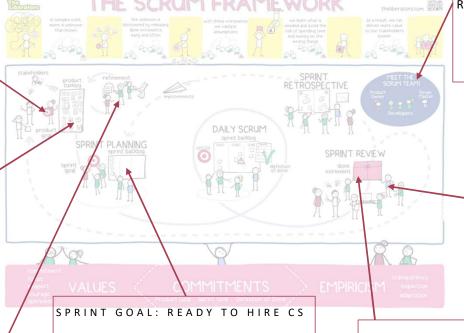
TO HAVE THE HIGHEST VALUE.

REFINED INTO: LIFE CS,

ANNUITIES CS,

PROPERTY CS, GENERAL CS.

PROCESS DELIVERY WITH SCRUM



FOR THE RRSP SEASON!

EX OF SPRINT BACKLOG:

HIGH-LEVEL PROCESS, INTERVIEW

CANVASS, SKILLS/TRAITS MATRIX,

TEST ON REAL HIRE

SCRUM TEAM: HIRING SPECIALISTS,

PAYROLL SPECIALISTS, LOB

REPRESENTATIVES, CHANGE MGMT.

EXPERT. PRODUCT OWNER:

HR DIRECTOR

REVIEW OF THE PROCESS WITH

ANNUITIES LOB AND HR

STAKEHOLDERS. REVIEW OF

PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOAL

AND DISCUSSION ABOUT

WHAT'S NEXT

PROCESS TESTED AND OPERATIONAL -

READY TO HIRE NEW JUNIOR CS ROLES

FOR THE ANNUITIES LOB

### AGILE OUTSIDE OF SOFTWARE



### The Washington Post



### KEYS TO SUCCESS WITH AGILE

FRAME THE OBJECTIVE AS A PROBLEM TO SOLVE, NOT A SOLUTION TO DELIVER

GATHER A CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAM AND EMPOWER THEM TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM

LEVERAGE ITERATIONS TO INSPECT THE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOAL AND ADAPT BEFORE IT'S TOO

LATE / TOO EXPENSIVE

INCLUDE STAKEHOLDERS (CLIENTS, USERS, MANAGERS) INTO THE FEEDBACK LOOP TO FOSTER BETTER

ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE TEAM AND THE OUTSIDE

OPTIMIZE THE FLOW OF VALUE — NOT THE CAPACITY OR TIMELINES

STRIVE TO REMOVE ANY IMPEDIMENTS THAT PREVENT/LIMIT YOUR TEAM'S ABILITY TO DELIVER VALUE

AGILE FRAMEWORKS ARE SIMPLE TO UNDERSTAND, YET DIFFICULT TO MASTER.

SEEK EXPERIENCED HELP ON YOUR JOURNEY — ESPECIALLY WHEN THE PRESSURE TO SUCCEED IS HIGH.

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