**Scrum Master Qualified Program**

Welcome to the Week 2

We need to look deeper into getting the scrum team ready to execute, in particular working with a ready, groomed backlog.

* Read Knowledge Factor: Product Backlog. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read Knowledge Factor: Product Increment. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read Knowledge Factor: User Story/Backlog Item. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read Knowledge Factor: Acceptance Criteria. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read Knowledge Factor: Definition of Ready. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read Knowledge Factor: Definition of Done. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read Knowledge Factor: Backlog Grooming. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read Knowledge Factor: Estimating & Story Points. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read Knowledge Factor: Prioritization. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read Knowledge Factor: Sprint Backlog. Self-Assess your comprehension.
* Read *Week 2 – The Product Backlog* in book *30 Days to Better Agile*. Identify positive and negative attributes related to the backlog. It is these antipatterns that provide opportunities for Scrum Masters to begin to add value by helping the teams overcome these patterns that are impediments to their success with Scrum and Agile.
* OJT/Exposure: Observe a backlog grooming/refinement meeting. Observe a Sprint planning meeting.
* OJT/Exposure: Observe a release planning meeting. Note this may be harder in your timeframe unless your time is matching the team’s release cycle.
* OJT/Exposure: Meet and talk to a current Product Owner, find out how they created the release, worked with stakeholders, created backlog items/user stories and acceptance criteria, prioritized the backlog, got the backlog groomed, got prepared for sprint planning.
* OJT/Exposure: Meet and talk with Scrum Master, ask about team rules/norms, team definition of ready, team definition of done.
* Complete the Week 2 (Product Backlog) portion of the assessment tool. Look for antipatterns mentioned in 30 Days to Better Agile, or even ones that were not mentioned. Based on the observations and the readings, what are you improvement recommendations you might make for this team. This activity will continue each week with new focus areas.