



Event: Value Stream Mapping at Amway

Speakers: Patrick Adams and Dan Shuart

Date: November 21, 2014

Location: Amway in Ada, MI

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The Michigan Lean Consortium (MLC) partnered with Amway on November 21, 2014 for a Value Stream Mapping event taught by Patrick Adams and Dan Shuart with some help from Edward Blackman.

Value-stream mapping is a valuable tool used to identify sources of waste, see the "flow" of material and information, and quickly change your organization for the better. During this event, Participants will first go to the Gemba, then learn how to use value-stream mapping to drive improvement.

Working in teams, participants learned to:

- Explain the difference between process mapping and value-stream mapping
- Examine the benefits of value-stream mapping
- Develop a current state value-stream map (after observing a simulation)
- Identify waste in the current state value-stream
- Apply lean concepts to create a future state value-stream map
- Critique proposed future state value-streams



Approximately 37 people attended this event in Ada.

Speaker Bios:

Patrick Adams is a Lean Leader within the Enterprise Excellence department here at Amway; his current focus is on manufacturing improvements. Patrick is a hands-on professional who understands what it means to be part of a team and add value by helping to maximize that team's personal potential and professional talent. He is an effective metrics-driven change agent, a team builder with a can-do attitude that drives positive results at all levels, maximizing bottom-line impact. Patrick has an operations management background; he has also facilitated and trained multiple teams in basic lean methodologies, problem solving, developing change champions and high performance work teams.

Dan Shuart works on the Design team in Enterprise Excellence, primarily supporting the QA and R&D spaces. He supports lab designs focused on creating flow and following lean design methodology, as well as eliminating waste in administrative QA processes. Dan also teaches strategic experimentation courses and executes Designed Experiments. Dan is an Amway certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and plans to pursue a Black Belt in the near future. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Industrial and Operations Engineering.

[See photos from the event on Facebook.](#)

The mission of the MLC is to offer a diverse network of knowledgeable lean professionals who come together to share innovative practices. The organization aims to create a lean culture in Michigan to ensure sustainable competitive advantage, which could translate into healthier businesses that offer more job opportunities leading to economic growth in the state.