Lightning Talk:
Hacking it for Behavioral Health!!!

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Hackathon Defined

Med Hackathon Definition:

“A med hackathon is a social event that is focused on building small and innovative technology projects to help solve problems in healthcare.”

Hackathon is a portmanteau of the words “hack” and “marathon”, which in turn translates into some kind of race against the clock to solve challenges.
Med Hackathon Low-Down

Med Hackathon History

- One of the pioneers in Med Hackathons is MIT Hacking Medicine
- MIT Hacking Medicine was founded in 2011
- WSU’s Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine’s Med Hackathon was heavily inspired by the MIT Hacking Medicine model of healthcare hackathons
What happened at the Med Hackathon?

- WSU Med Hackathon was a 3-day event whose theme this year was tackling behavioral health challenges in rural Washington with the intent of destigmatizing mental illness.

- Day 1:
  - Keynote speakers who spoke about mental health services in Washington state
  - Participants problem pitched their ideas
  - Participants organically formed their team of 4-5 people
Project Hope

Me!
WSU's ESFCOM’s Med Hackathon

What happened at the Med Hackathon?

● Day 2:
  ○ Teams worked on and developed their products/ideas
  ○ Teams pitched their products/ideas to the judges to get some preliminary feedback from them

● Day 3:
  ○ Teams officially pitched their products to a panel of judges in five minutes
  ○ The top three teams were recognized and awarded prizes
Project Hope: 3rd Place
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