

Hunger and Homeless Commission

AGENDA – January 7, 2026
12:00PM – 1:30P

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Item 1: Lowell Health Department -- Maura Fitzpatrick, Director of Homelessness Initiatives will be discussing planning for the City's participation in the upcoming **Point-in-Time (PIT) Count**. The PIT Count is a nationwide, single-night census of people experiencing homelessness for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It's a crucial, though limited, tool to understand homelessness's scope and trends. Volunteers will be needed.

Item 2: Community Teamwork (CTI) -- JoAnn Howell, Resource Center Director will be discussing CTI's new initiative of providing **Behavioral Health Navigation** support at the Resource Center. Joann will also be providing a brief overview of the Resource Center. The Resource Center is the "front door" for CTI's services and programming as well as a source for information and referral assistance.

Item 3: Community Teamwork (CTI) -- Brenda Jimenez, Senior Financial Education Coordinator will be providing introductory information on the upcoming access to 2025 tax filing assistance. CTI will be a host site for the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program**. The VITA sites offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their tax returns, including: People who generally make \$67,000 or less. Persons with disabilities; and Limited English-speaking taxpayers.

Item 4: Open Agenda -- due to the Holidays confirmation of additional speakers are pending. The impact of the elimination of SNAP eligibility for certain immigrants including refugees and asylums maybe discussed. Please let me know ddggoc@comcast.net if your agency would be interested in being included on the agenda.

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