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1	thank you all for putting this together! so important. It's a "question" of accurate information!	
2	How do you get qualification of medical frailty? Do you need Medical records? Do doctors fill this form out?	
3	What are the deadlines for the forms?	
4	How does a person who has a business fill out the required work requirements? Again how do you get these forms?	Lake County Department of Social Services 15975 Anderson Ranch Parkway Lower Lake, CA 95457 707-995-4200 Toll-free: 800-628-5288 · Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Official Social Services website
5	Biggest question is where are these forms? :)	Lake County Department of Social Services
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6	Please discuss impacts on local school districts. Thanks!	
7	I think we're getting some background noise from Chloe's mic	Thanks. Chloe is live in our office which is on Main St, so we will have some background noise.
8	Are there work requirements for minors? Do parents have work requirements for child recipients?	No, there are not work requirements for minors.
9	All my questions are for Medical	
10	How many One-Stop Locations will be located in our County of: Lake, that People can go through so CalFresh Benefits, can continue for them, without delays.	
11	Good evening, question: will eligibility for MediCal be reviewed every 6 months as mailed notices indicate.	
12	question: does volunteer work count towards eligibility?	
13	The work/volunteer requirement states 80 hours. is that 80 hours every month?	Yes, you can volunteer to meet work requirements.
14	question: does being enrolled in school count for Medical eligibility? if so, how many credits are required?	
15	I am not minor	



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16	My background check has taken over month and still hasn't come in. I have applied for both Literacy Tutor as well as the Senior Konocti association. Both are pending the results of the background check which should have taken 2 weeks.	Is this a county background check? Or what level of government?
17	Thank you. I heard yes enrollment at the college does count. How mwny credits are the minumum?	
18	Very interested in how this will impact refb? We currently rely on this extremely important resource in our food distributions.	We will continue to provide food, so please keep coming!
19	Does HR 1 have any impacts on the dollars that come to the Redwood Empire Food Bank	No, we are mostly funded by individuals, so HR1 funding does not impact us. The need will increase, so we will be asking for additional support to keep up.
20	How can I keep my background check moving forward so that I can do the volunteering I have in mind? Again, the eta was 2 weeks its been over a month.	
21	Allison, Is our Latino community feeling safe enough to get food distributions?	Yes, thankfully we are a trusted organization and we have continued to see people coming for food. We hold all of their information confidentially. We have seen an increase in proxy pickups, so people are helping to pick up for families who are scared about coming themselves due to threats of immigration action.
22	What has the county already had to do differently in budgeting or staffing to get ready for HR1	From Sup. Rasmussen: Insufficient funding has left us unable to staff-up. With the temporary CalFresh funding in the state budget, we are hiring temporary 900-hour workers. The funding will only last us one fiscal year. Other readiness activities are described above, in the "mitigation" sections. Our Medi-Cal implementation plan is being drafted, it is not due to DHCS until December 2026, due to the state only recently providing final guidance (except the pending unemployment exemption guidance) late in September 2026.
23	Mr. Anderson are lations feeling safe to seek help.	Many people are expressing feeling fearful of accessing services due to "public charge" rules or worries about ICE raids.



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24	I feel like the people who need this information the most are not on this Zoom call. How do you plan to get this information out to those who most need it?	This webinar will be made available on Youtube
25	What do you want residents to understand about how a federal law becomes something they feel at the county level?	From Sup. Rasmussen: HR1 will be a hardship felt by everyone, not just public assistance recipients. Less local money in the economy due to less CalFresh being spent at local grocers. Heavier food bank use. Increased food instability. Less medical coverage resulting in increased cost and lack of access for everyone in the community due to the emergency room becoming the primary way to access care due to putting off preventative care. Risk of local health care resources closing due to inadequate funding when individuals seeking emergency services have no coverage.
26	I'm thinking that they may not have access to YouTube either. Perhaps getting some written information to local Food Pantries that can be handed out to them? Those are the people who have front-line contact with the people in need.	
27	Where are your clinics in Lake County?	5335 Lakeshore Blvd., Lakeport.
28	You mention Adventist and Sutter Hospital facilities... Is Tribal Health similarly impacted by the health care cuts?	
29	Is the end of ACA subsidies likely the reason why County employees have a spike in insurance premiums for next year?	I don't think so. Private insurance companies are "for profit" and have significantly increased rates to employers and employees every year since 2018. Every employer that provides health insurance is faced with these increases.
30	With the State having limited resources, how will the backfilling be prioritized?	
31	Has either the State or the County considered providing grants to help create volunteer opportunities in order to increase available options for ABAWD individuals?	



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32	We know what has happened... what can we do about all this? Are there ways the state of CA will create new initiatives, state-wide, local investments?	Vote
33	What do we know about the school food programs??	School food programs are unchanged. California's budget includes school meals for all (thank goodness!)
34	I vote, I knock doors, I lobbied congress, I protest... I have less security today then when I started all this, devoted to our system for decades...	
35	What about medicare for all in CA?	
36	In 2007 if we flip the House and Senate can HR1 be reversed?	
37	With the lack of ongoing funding for social service staff and the doubling of certification per year, what's the expected plan for if/when recertification is delayed by lack of resources?	
38	We tried to get the forms from Social sevicees and could not get them.	
39	Can you please post in chat the 707-576....McGuire just spoke of	707-576-5771
40	For those who are not able bodied, is there a way to proactively check whether they are considered ABAWD or not?	ABAWD means able bodied adults without dependents.If they are disabled, they should be exempt.
41	Can the phone number Senator McGuire gave be repeated for what his staff is working on.	707-576-5771
42	What about ICE?	
43	These are for my patients	
44	Is there a network where people willing to be proxys can be matched with people who need them?	Not exactly - people need to contact us to give the person permission to pick up for them. A grassroots effort (smaller pantry) may have a list of people who need help.



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45	Not a question, but all who want to stand with our neighbors impacted by the fear of Gestapo please look on Facebook for NorCal Resistance. Must be vetted but can become part of Migra Watch	
46	Medical helps support some services at schools - will they be impacted?	
47	Senior services will undoubtedly be impacted. What is the county doing to mitigate and assist meals on wheels, senior center lunches etc. ? Thank you	
48	We need to detangle from the feds... we need to consider ways to support our community where the state steps up in a different capacity. We cannot continue doing the same thing and expect different results.	
49	Thank you all for providing this very valuable information.	
50	Thank you for taking your time, I appreciate this, but we need to do more...	
51	One of the ways you can help in Lake County is by becoming a donor for the Simple Gesture Food Donation Pick Up program that we have in Lake County. Become a donor at www.JoinSG.org	
52	No question -just thanks for all the information and caring	Thanks for your time!
53	Thank you panel!	