

**SUMMARY POINTS – HCHCP ROLE IN HEALTH CARE REFORM  
USED FOR DISCUSSION WITH TAMPA TRIBUNE EDITORIAL BOARD**

- ❖ The HCHCP is a local network that provides health care services to the low-income population. It is coordinated with other social service through case management with the intent of maximizing the self-sufficiency of its recipients and their families.
- ❖ Federal health care reform has focused on funding health care coverage, not the specifics of its provision on a local level.
- ❖ Federal health care reform does not, as its main focus, address how it is implemented on a local level to best assure that health care coverage is part of the maximizing of self-sufficiency.
- ❖ Flexibility to respond to:
  - Local needs.
  - Healthcare changes.
  - Unique needs of population served.
  - Infrastructure of partnership – providers, multiple levels of government.
- ❖ In summary, while the funding of health care coverage can be addressed by the Federal government (top-down), the provider system changes needed by the low-income population should be implemented locally.