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Secretary Samo was appointed Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia in September 2021. Mr. Samo began his long and distinguished career in public service and specifically health services in 1994 as a Health Services Specialist and then Health Planner at the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs (HESA) at the FSM National Government from 1994 to 2000. Mr. Samo also served as a Project Specialist for the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) from 1994 to 1996. From 2000 to 2004, Mr. Samo served as an Epidemiologist and Section Chief at HESA, also occasionally serving as Acting Assistant Secretary for the Department. In December 2004, Mr. Samo became a permanent Assistant Secretary at the Department, serving in that position for over sixteen years, and occasionally serving as the Acting Secretary for the Department.

Secretary Samo is originally from Chuuk state and earned his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Psychology from Creighton University in Nebraska and received a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Hawaii School of Public Health. Mr. Samo is currently a candidate for a Doctor of Health Administration (DHA) from Central Michigan University, College of Health Professions. Mr. Samo has also received several Certificate and Postgraduate Credits and has authored or co-authored numerous articles on public health in international journals.

