Jack Niedenthal became the Secretary of Health and Human Services in the Marshall Islands in January 2019. Prior to this position, he had been the Secretary General of the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society from 2017-2019 and an advocate and Trust Liaison for the Bikini Council for more than 30 years prior to that. He is also a writer, filmmaker, and historian. Mr. Niedenthal first arrived in the Marshall Islands as a Peace Corps volunteer in 1981 and has lived in the Marshall Islands since then. In 2000, he was given honorary Marshall Islands citizenship for the work he has done for the Marshallese people.

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