

HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA INC
Form 8-K
February 22, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

February 22, 2016 (February 19, 2016)

HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware **0-27072** **52-0845822**
(state or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation) File Number) (Identification No.)

1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(215) 988-0080**

1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 19, 2016, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Hemispherx Biopharma, Inc. (the “Company”) made several changes to its executive management team in light of the termination of Dr. William Carter, to provide effective and competent leadership that will properly position the Company to achieve its commercial goals and increase stockholder value.

In this regard, Adam Pascale has been named Chief Financial Officer in addition to his current responsibilities as Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Pascale has been employed with Company for 18 years, with more than two decades of public accounting experience and prior public company experience. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting and Finance from Rutgers University. Mr. Pascale served for several years as a CPA prior to joining Hemispherx, and is a member of both the American and the Pennsylvania Institutes of Certified Public Accountants. Thomas K. Equels, President of the Company, resigned as Chief Financial Officer to make way for Mr. Pascale.

For more information of the changes to the Company’s management team, please see the February 22, 2016 press release furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated February 22, 2016

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA, INC.

February 22, 2016 By: /s/ Thomas K. Equels
Thomas K. Equels, President