

HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA INC  
Form 8-K  
October 06, 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)

**October 6, 2016 (October 4, 2016)**

**HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1617  
JFK  
Boulevard,  
Suite 500,  
Philadelphia,  
PA**

(Address  
of  
principal  
executive  
offices)

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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CFR 240.14a-12)

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Exchange Act (17  
CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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Exchange Act (17  
CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

After the final settlement hearing, which occurred on September 29, 2016, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania entered a Final Order and Judgment, approving the settlement and awarding the plaintiffs' counsel \$660,000 in attorneys' fees in the shareholder derivative action, captioned *Zicherman v. Carter, et al.* No Company funds were used to pay the attorneys' fees award; the settlement was funded by Hemispherx's insurance companies. The settlement does not constitute any admission of fault or wrongdoing by Hemispherx or any of the individual defendants. The settlement also resolves all claims asserted by the plaintiffs in the related consolidated shareholder derivative action captioned *In re Hemispherx Biopharma, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County).

**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.

October 6, 2016 By: /s/ Tomas K. Equels  
Thomas K. Equels, President