Anthera Pharmaceuticals Inc Form 8-K March 06, 2012

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): March 1, 2012

ANTHERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-34637 (Commission File Number) 20-1852016 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

25801 Industrial Boulevard, Suite B, Hayward, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

94545 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (510) 856-5600

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

(d) On March 1, 2012, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company), on the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board, appointed Bogdan Dziurzynski to serve on the Board as a Class II director.

Bogdan Dziurzynski, D.P.A. has been a consultant in strategic regulatory management to the biotechnology industry since 2001. Dr. Dziurzynski serves on the Board of the Biologics Consulting Group and the Board of Directors of Dendreon Corporation, a biotechnology company. Dr. Dziurzynski is a fellow, past chairman of the board and a past president of the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society. He also serves as an advisory board member of Integrated Biotherapeutics, Inc. From 1994 to 2001, Dr. Dziurzynski was the Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance for MedImmune, Inc., a biotechnology company. From 1988 to 1994, Dr. Dziurzynski was Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance for Immunex Corporation, a biotechnology company. Dr. Dziurzynski has a B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University, an M.B.A. from Seattle University and a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

A copy of the press release announcing Dr. Dziurzynski appointment is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1

(e) In addition, on March 1, 2012, effective April 1, 2012, the Company s Board, upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board, approved annual base salary adjustments for certain of the Company s employees, including certain of the Company s named executive officers as part of its annual review of compensation. The adjusted salaries for such named executive officers are as follows:

| Named Executive Officer | | 2011 Annual Base Salary | Annual Base Salary Effective April 1, 2012 | |
|---|----|-------------------------|---|---------|
| Paul F. Truex, President and Chief Executive Officer | \$ | 500,000 | \$ | 515,000 |
| Christopher P. Lowe, Vice President of Administration and Chief | | | | |
| Business Officer | \$ | 340,000 | \$ | 350,000 |
| Colin Hislop, M.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer | \$ | 340,000 | \$ | 350,000 |
| Debra Odink, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Technology | | | | |
| Officer | \$ | 270,000 | \$ | 340,000 |
| Georgina Kilfoil, Senior Vice President, Product Development and | | | | |
| Project Management | \$ | 250,000 | \$ | 265,000 |

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated March 5, 2012

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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.

Date: March 5, 2012 Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Christopher P. Lowe

Christopher P. Lowe Chief Financial Officer

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