
**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 8, 2021

COHERUS BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36721
(Commission
File Number)

27-3615821
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

**333 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 600
Redwood City, CA 94065**
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 649-3530

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	CHRS	The Nasdaq Global Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

Coherus BioSciences, Inc. (the “Company”) deeply regrets to announce that Alan C. Mendelson, a member of the Company’s Board of Directors, unexpectedly passed away on Friday, October 8, 2021.

The Company issued a press release, attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, in appreciation of Mr. Mendelson’s dedicated service to the Company since its founding.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 11, 2021
104	Cover page Interactive Data file (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

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

Date: October 13, 2021

COHERUS BIOSCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ McDavid Stilwell

Name: McDavid Stilwell

Title: Chief Financial Officer



Coherus BioSciences Mourns the Passing of Board Member Alan C. Mendelson

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Oct. 11, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — It is with profound sadness that Coherus BioSciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: CHRS) announces the unexpected passing of board member Alan C. Mendelson. He had been a director of the Company since January 2021 and had previously served as external legal counsel since its founding in 2010.

“Alan was truly a titan of the biotech industry, without peer in his discipline, and this is such tremendous loss on so many levels for so many people,” said Denny Lanfear, CEO of Coherus. “His contributions and impact on the industry through its genesis and evolution are difficult to overstate. I am honored to have had him as a decades-long personal friend, inspiring mentor, and the most trusted of advisors.”

Mr. Lanfear continued: “Alan tenaciously advocated for Coherus from the start. His influence on our company is profound, and we are grateful for his wise counsel. On behalf of the entire Coherus team and Board, I offer our deep and heartfelt condolences to the Mendelson family.”

Mr. Mendelson served as a partner at Latham & Watkins LLP from May 2000 to December 2020, where he held several leadership roles, including Co-Chair of the Emerging Companies Practice Group and Global Co-Chair of the Life Sciences Industry Group, and advised numerous private and public companies, primarily in the life sciences industry. Prior to joining Latham & Watkins, Mr. Mendelson was a partner at Cooley LLP from February 1980 to May 2000. From November 1995 to June 1996, he served as acting General Counsel of Cadence Design Systems Inc., a public electronic design automation software and services company. Previously, from April 1990 to April 1991, he served as secretary and acting general counsel of Amgen Inc. Mr. Mendelson previously served on the boards of directors of several public biotech companies including Aviron Inc., CV Therapeutics, Inc., QLT, Inc., and Valentis, Inc. He served as the corporate secretary for Mellanox Technologies, Ltd., Intuitive Surgical, Inc., Corvus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Eargo, Inc. and 4D Molecular Therapeutics, Inc. In addition to his service on the Coherus board, Mr. Mendelson was General Counsel and Secretary at Blade Therapeutics and a Director of Neuvogen, Inc. He also served on the board of directors of the California Life Sciences Association and the National Kidney Foundation and the boards of trustees of the University of California, Berkeley Foundation and The Buck Institute for Research on Aging. Mr. Mendelson received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

About Coherus BioSciences

Coherus is a commercial stage biopharmaceutical company with the mission to increase access to cost-effective medicines that can have a major impact on patients’ lives and to deliver significant savings to the health care system. For additional information, please visit www.coherus.com.

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