

Purcell Richard David Jr.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Purcell Richard David Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RespireRx Pharmaceuticals Inc.
 [RSPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP - Research and Development

C/O RESPIRERX
 PHARMACUETICALS INC., 126
 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452
 (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$ 1.45	12/09/2017		A		(1) 12/09/2022		Common Stock	100,000
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$ 2					(1) 06/30/2017		Common Stock	40,000
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$ 3.9					(2) 01/17/2022		Common Stock	40,000
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$ 7.3775 (3)					(4) 03/31/2021		Common Stock	61,539 (3)
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$ 6.396 (3)					(5) 08/18/2022		Common Stock	9,231 (3)

Stock)

Common
Stock
Options

(to \$ 8.125
purchase (3)
shares of
Common
Stock)

(6) 06/30/2022 Common Stock 6,154 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Purcell Richard David Jr. C/O RESPIRERX PHARMACUETICALS INC. 126 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452			SVP - Research and Development	

Signatures

/s/ Richard D.
Purcell, Jr. 12/12/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These Common Stock Options vested upon issuance.
- (2) These Common Stock Options vested in three installments: 25 percent on January 18, 2017 (the grant date), 25 percent on March 31, 2017, and 50 percent on June 30, 2017, and are all currently vested.
- (3) The exercise price and number of shares of these securities have been adjusted to reflect the Company's 325-to-1 reverse stock split effective September 1, 2016.
- (4) These Common Stock Options vested in four equal installments: 25 percent on March 31, 2016 (the grant date), 25 percent on June 30, 2016, 25 percent on September 30, 2016, and 25 percent on December 31, 2016, and are all currently vested.
- (5) These Common Stock Options vested in four equal installments: 25 percent on December 31, 2015, 25 percent on March 31, 2016, 25 percent on June 30, 2016, and 25 percent on September 30, 2016, and are all currently vested.
- (6) The Common Stock Options vested in three installments: 50 percent on June 30, 2015, 25 percent on September 30, 2015, and 25 percent on December 31, 2015, and are all currently vested.

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