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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K/A**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)  
**December 24, 2017**

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**VIVUS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-33389**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-3136179**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**900 E. HAMILTON AVENUE, SUITE 550  
CAMPBELL, CA 95008**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(650) 934-5200**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ 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))

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. ☐

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

As previously disclosed, Thomas B. King was appointed by the board of directors, or the Board, of VIVUS, Inc., or the Company, to serve as the interim Chief Executive Officer of the Company, effective December 31, 2017. On January 2, 2018, the Board approved the compensation arrangements for Mr. King. Mr. King's annual base salary will be \$507,000, and the Company will recommend at the next regular meeting of the Compensation Committee of the Board that Mr. King be granted a stock option to purchase 600,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a price per share equal to the fair market value as determined by the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The proposed stock option would vest monthly over three (3) years, subject to Mr. King continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Company's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan) on the relevant vesting dates. In addition, he will be eligible to receive an additional stock option to purchase 200,000 shares of the Company's common stock at the discretion of the Board.

## 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.

### VIVUS, INC.

By: /s/ John L. Slebir  
John L. Slebir  
Senior Vice President, Business Development and General Counsel

Date: January 8, 2018