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LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.
Form 8-K
June 26, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): June 25, 2006

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-51251 (Commission File Number)	20-1538254 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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103 Powell Court, Suite 200 Brentwood, Tennessee (Address of principal executive offices)	37027 (Zip Code)
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(615) 372-8500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement

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Effective June 25, 2006, LifePoint CSGP, LLC, a subsidiary of LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") entered into a Separation Agreement with Kenneth C. Donahey, who had served as the Company's chairman, president and chief executive officer. The following summary of the Separation Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Separation Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference. Effective as of June 25, 2006, the Separation Agreement terminates the employment agreement between LifePoint CSGP, LLC and Mr. Donahey, effective June 25, 2001, as amended and restated effective as of December 31, 2004. Mr. Donahey will receive \$3.5 million in two equal installments, December 27, 2006 and June 27, 2007, together with a payment to cover any liability for federal excise taxes he may incur as a result of the receipt of such payments. The confidentiality provisions of the Employment Agreement remain in effect for 36 months. During that period, Mr. Donahey may exercise his vested stock options. He will receive insurance benefits comparable to those available to Company executives for a period of two years. The Company and Mr. Donahey also agreed to a mutual release of claims, except for any indemnity claims to which Mr. Donahey may be entitled and for breaches of the Separation Agreement. Mr. Donahey agreed not to compete with the Company for a period of one year in non-urban hospitals, diagnostic/imaging or surgery centers, and the physician recruitment business, subject to certain limitations, and he agreed not to induce or encourage the departure of Company employees for a period of one year. LifePoint CSGP, LLC's obligations under the agreement are guaranteed by the Company.

Item 1.02 Termination of Material Definitive Agreement

On June 26, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing that Kenneth C. Donahey, who has served as the Company's chairman, president and chief executive officer since June 2001, is retiring after five years in the role and is resigning as a member of the Company's Board of Directors. Effective as of June 25, 2006, the Separation Agreement terminates the Employment Agreement between LifePoint CSGP, LLC and Mr. Donahey effective June 25, 2001, as amended and restated effective as of December 31, 2004. See the discussion above in Section 1.01, the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 and the Separation Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

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

On June 26, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing that, effective immediately, executive vice president William F. (Bill) Carpenter III, age 51, has been promoted to president and chief executive officer. Mr. Carpenter replaces Kenneth C. Donahey, who is retiring after serving five years as the Company's chairman, president and chief executive officer. In addition, on June 25, 2006, Mr. Donahey resigned from the Company's Board of Directors, and Mr. Carpenter was elected by the Company's directors to fill the vacancy resulting from Mr. Donahey's resignation. The terms of any employment agreement between the Company and Mr. Carpenter have not yet been agreed upon and will be provided by an amendment to this report. The June 26, 2006, press release also announced that the Company's current lead director, Owen G. Shell Jr., has been elected as the Company's Chairman of the Board. See the discussion above in Section 1.01, the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 and the Separation Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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10.1 Separation Agreement by and between LifePoint CSGP, LLC and Kenneth C. Donahey, effective June 25, 2006.

99.1 Press Release of LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., dated June 26, 2006.

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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: June 26, 2006

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

By: /s/ William F. Carpenter III

William F. Carpenter III
President and Chief Executive Officer

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