

22nd Century Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
July 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): July 6, 2012**

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**22nd Century Group, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada

000-54111

98-0468420

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**9530 Main Street**

**14031**

**Clarence, New York**

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(716) 270-1523**

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)

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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))

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

Effective July 6, 2012, C. Anthony Rider resigned as Chief Financial Officer of 22nd Century Group, Inc. (the “Company”). There were no disagreements between Mr. Rider and the Company.

In order to facilitate an orderly transition, Mr. Rider will be a consultant for the Company, and Henry Sicignano III, President of the Company, will fill the role of the Company’s Chief Financial Officer on an interim basis until the Company hires a replacement for Mr. Rider.

**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.

**22nd Century Group, Inc.**

Date: July 6, 2012 /s/ Joseph Pandolfino  
Joseph Pandolfino  
Chief Executive Officer