FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Giles Mark T			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.</u> [ DFFN ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2020 AVON COURT, SUITE 4	` ,			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2016								X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) below)					
Street) CHARLOTTESVILLE VA 22902 (City) (State) (Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transa Code ( 8)	ction Instr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			(A) or 3, 4 an	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	Amount	(	D)	Price	(Instr.	(Instr. 3 and 4)						
Common Stock 12/14/20		016	16		J <sup>(1)</sup>		339,055		D	(1)	29	290,580			By PANDA Holdings, LLC <sup>(2)</sup>		
Common Stock 12/15/20		016				P		512,109		A	(1)	51	2,109	I		By MTG Investment Holdings, LLC <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock												2	,407	I		By the VNB Trust IRA fbo Mark T. Giles	
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Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any	emed 4. On Date, (/Day/Year) 2. (/Day/Year) 8)				6. Date Expirati (Month/	ion Da		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		f nstr. 3 mount	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ow For Dir or I	nership m: ect (D) ndirect Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. In connection with certain personal investment, financial and tax planning strategies, (i) on December 14, 2016, PANDA Holdings, LLC ("PANDA"), of which the Reporting Person is the managing member, assigned 339,055 shares of the Issuer's common stock to an affiliate of PANDA for aggregate consideration of \$1.00 and (ii) on December 15, 2016, such affiliate sold to MTG Investment Holdings, LLC ("MTGIH"), of which the Reporting Person is the sole member, 512,109 shares of the Issuer's common stock for aggregate consideration of \$1.00.
- 2. The Reporting Person is the managing member of PANDA and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of such securities. Mr. Giles disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of
- 3. The Reporting Person is the sole member of MTGIH and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of such securities. Mr. Giles disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his

/s/ Ben Shealy, attorney-in-fact 12/16/2016 for Mark T. Giles

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* 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).

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