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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 * Smith Martin Dewayne			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 4000 MERIDI	(First) AN BLVD	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2013	Director 10% Owner Some of the control of the contr		
FRANKLIN, 7	(Street) ΓN 37067		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
FRANKLIN,	IN 37067			Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y 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. Securit on(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/27/2013(1)		M	20,167	A	\$ 0	107,915	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2013		F	2,821	D	\$ 41.71	105,094	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2013		M	5,000	A	\$ 32.37	110,094	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2013		S	5,000	D	\$ 40.35	105,094	D	

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)

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)	nDerivative 1		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/27/2013		M		20,167	02/16/2013(1)	02/15/2022	Commor Stock
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/27/2013		A	25,000		02/27/2014(2)	02/26/2023	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37	02/27/2013		M		5,000	02/28/2006	02/27/2013	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.7						12/09/2004	12/08/2013	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13						05/25/2005	05/24/2014	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3						03/01/2007	02/29/2016	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21						02/28/2008	02/27/2017	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to	\$ 40.41						07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Commor Stock

Buy)

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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28	02/27/2010	02/26/2019	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9	02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.07	02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Commor Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Smith Martin Dewayne 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD FRANKLIN, TN 37067			Division President				

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Martin D.
Smith
02/28/2013

**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).

Financial information necessary to determine if performance criteria had been satisfied was not publicly available on February 16, 2013, the first anniversary of the date of the award. At a meeting of the Compensation Committee ("Committee") held February 26, 2013, and

- (1) confirmed by the Board of Directors ("Board") on February 27, 2013, the Committee and the Board determined that the performance conditions had been satisfied. The shares will now be reported as owned shares in Table I, and restrictions on the remaining shares will lapse on the 2nd and 3rd anniversary of the original date of the award, all in accordance with the award agreement.
 - Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from
- (2) continuing operations, or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

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