#### WATSON H MITCHELL JR

Form 4

February 27, 2009

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WATSON H MITCHELL JR Issuer Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS INC [CYH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD 02/25/2009 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting FRANKLIN, TN 37067 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Beneficial Disposed of (D) (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 16,000 D Stock

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Lunderlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Units (SU)	\$ 0					<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	7,320.3
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.71					01/03/2006	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13					05/25/2005	05/25/2014	Common Stock	10,00
Phantom Stock	\$ 18.18 (2)	02/25/2009	02/25/2009	A	7,151	02/25/2010(2)	(2)	Common Stock	7,15

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WATSON H MITCHELL JR 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X					

## **Signatures**

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for H. Mitchell Watson 02/27/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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).
- (1) The SU were accrued under the Company's Directors Fees Deferral Plan and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.
- (2) The Phantom Stock Award vests in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. Upon vesting, the holder will be issued that number of shares of Common stock of the Company.

Date

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