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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH WAYNE T			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) 4000 MERID	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2012	X Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below)		
(Street)		LVIND	4. If Amendment, Date Original	Chairman, President & CEO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
FRANKLIN, TN 37067				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(State)

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(City)

(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie on Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4 and Amount	f (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	11/02/2012		M	500,000	A	\$ 20.3	1,500,700	D	
Common Stock	11/02/2012		S	500,000	D	\$ 29.3907 <u>(1)</u>	1,000,700	D	
Common Stock							102,000	I	Spouse
Common Stock							51,059	I	by 2009 WTS Irrevocable Trust Dated

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

Common

Stock

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Arr Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3	11/02/2012		M		500,000	05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37						02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3						03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21						02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41						07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28						02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock 2

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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18	02/25/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9	02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.07	02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/16/2013(2)	02/15/2022	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·r·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SMITH WAYNE T 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X		Chairman, President & CEO			

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Wayne T.
Smith

11/05/2012

**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).
- (1) These shares were sold in a series of transactions at an average sales price of \$29.3907 per share.
 - 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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