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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 SMITH WAYNE T Issuer Symbol **COMMUNITY HEALTH** (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS INC [CYH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title) _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD 02/27/2008 Chairman, President & CEO (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

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of	or Beneficiall	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. Securities Acquired (A) ctionor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	,	
Common Stock	02/28/2008		M	130,000	A	\$0	790,542	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2008		F	27,946	D	\$ 32.01	762,596	D	
Common Stock							2,000	I	Spouse
Common Stock	03/01/2008		F	12,150	D	\$ 31.07	750,446	D	

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

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or (Instr. 8) Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Securities A) or f (D)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	7. Title a Underly (Instr. 3	
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance Based Restricted Stock	\$ 0	02/27/2008		A		100,000		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Comm
Performance Based Restricted Stock	\$ 0	02/28/2008		M			130,000	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Comm
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13							06/08/2001	06/08/2010	Comm Stoc
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Comm Stoc
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Comm
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3							03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Comm Stoc
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21							02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Comm
Stock Options (Right to	\$ 40.41							07/25/2007	07/25/2015	Comm

Buy)

Stock

Buy)

Options (Right to

\$ 32.28 02/27/2008

A 200,000

02/27/2009(3) 02/27/2018

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH WAYNE T

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD

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Chairman, President & CEO

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for Wayne T. Smith

02/29/2008

Date

**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).
- 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 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.
- The performance objectives governing these shares of Restricted Stock have been met, and, accordingly, these shares will now be reported in Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. The restrictions lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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