

WATSON H MITCHELL JR

Form 4

August 28, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WATSON H MITCHELL JR

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) (First) (Middle)

4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD

(Street)

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/27/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 | 08/27/2008 | 08/27/2008 | S | 6,000 | D \$ 33.957 (1) | 16,000 | 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)**

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 25.13 | | | | | 05/25/2005 | 05/25/2014 | Common Stock | 10,000 | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.71 | | | | | 01/03/2006 | 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 5,000 | |
| Stock Units (SU) | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 5,642.973 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | 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, Jr. 08/28/2008

__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) The shares were sold in a series of transactions at an average price of \$33.95695 per share.

(2) 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.

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