HUSSEY WILLIAM S

Form 4

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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 **HUSSEY WILLIAM S** Issuer Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS INC [CYH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD 02/25/2009 Division President - Group Ops (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 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 02/25/2009 02/25/2009 M 35,000 Α \$0 111,111 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) 8) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance Based Restricted Stock	\$ 0	02/25/2009	02/25/2009	M		35,000	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Commor Stock
Performance Based Restricted Stock	\$ 0						(2)	(2)	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41						07/25/2008	07/25/2015	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.25						12/10/2003	12/10/2012	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3						05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23						05/22/2002	05/22/2011	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.29						02/24/2005	02/24/2014	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37						02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Commor Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3						03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Commor Stock
Stock Options	\$ 37.21						02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Commor Stock

(Right to Buy)						
Performance Based	\$ 0	02/25/2009	02/25/2009	A	50,000	

Common (3) (3) Restricted Stock Stock Stock **Options** Commo \$ 18.18 02/25/2009 02/25/2009 Α 10,000 02/25/2010(4) 02/25/2019 (Right to Stock

Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HUSSEY WILLIAM S 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067

Division President - Group Ops

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for William S.

Hussey 02/27/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
- 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.
- (2) The restrictions on these shares will lapse on 7/25/09, provided that performance objectives for the period 7/1/08 to 6/30/09 are met.
 - 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
- (3) 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.
- (4) Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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