WATSON H MITCHELL JR

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FORM 4

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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 * WATSON H MITCHELL JR			- S	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			(3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2012				X Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify		
(Street) FRANKLIN, TN 37067				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
	(City)		Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acc	Person quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (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	09/28/2012	09/28/20)12	M	4,987	A	<u>(1)</u>	20,404	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Share
Stock Units (SU)	(1)	09/28/2012	09/28/2012	M		4,987.119	09/28/2012	09/28/2012	Common Stock	4,98
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13						05/25/2005	05/25/2014	Common Stock	10
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.71						01/03/2006	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0						02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	1,
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0						02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	6,

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for H. Mitchell Watson, Jr.

**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 stock units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees' Deferral Plan (the "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) Pursuant to the Plan, cash payment is made for the fractional unit (.119), which is canceled and does not convert into a fractional share of the Issuer's common stock.

Date

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