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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Smith Martin Dewayne			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) 4000 MERIDI	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2012	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		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		
FRANKLIN, TN 37067				Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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	11/15/2012		M	6,667	A		104,093	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2012		M	6,667	A	\$ 18.18	110,760	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2012		S	13,334	D	\$ 27.591	97,426	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)

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)	Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of Si
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.11	11/15/2012		M	6,667	12/10/2009	12/09/2018	Common Stock	6,6
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18	11/15/2012		M	6,667	02/25/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock	6,6
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.7					05/21/2003	05/20/2012	Common Stock	2,0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.7					12/09/2004	12/08/2013	Common Stock	5,0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13					05/25/2005	05/25/2014	Common Stock	2,0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	5,0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,0
Stock Options	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	1,5

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(Right to Buy)					
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41	07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	8,0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28	02/27/2009	02/27/2018	Common Stock	1,5
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9	02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	10,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.07	02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	8,0
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/16/2013(2)	02/15/2022	Common Stock	20,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·F···	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Smith Martin Dewayne 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD FRANKLIN, TN 37067			Division President				

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Martin D. 11/15/2012 Smith **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) These shares were sold in a series of transactions at a weighted average sales price of \$27.591 per share.
- (2) 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

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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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