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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 MERID	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2013	Director 10% Owner State of the control of the con		
FRANKLIN,	(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 		
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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/23/2013		F	4,371	D	\$ 41.76	93,389	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2013		F	5,641	D	\$ 41.76	87,748	D	

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

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

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.7					05/21/2003	05/20/2012	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.7					12/09/2004	12/08/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13					05/25/2005	05/24/2014	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/27/2014	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	02/28/2016	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/27/2017	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to	\$ 32.28					02/27/2010	02/26/2019	Common Stock	1,500

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Buy)					
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9	02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.07	02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	8,000
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/16/2013(1)	02/15/2022	Common Stock	20,167

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Smith Martin Dewayne 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD			Division President		

Signatures

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Martin D.
Smith
02/26/2013

**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).

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

(1) 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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