FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington.	D.C.	20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person^{\star}

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SMITH WAYNE T						COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]										(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 4000 MER	(Fir RIDIAN BC	st) OULEVARD	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2023											Officer (g below)	ive title		Other (specification)	pecify
(Street) FRANKLI (City)	IN TN		37067 (Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication									6. Lin						
						Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.													atisfy the		
		Та	ble I - No	n-Der	ivati	ve S	ecur	ities	Acqı	uired,	Dis	posed	of, or	Bene	eficiall	y C	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		te,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)							5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Form:	Direct Indirect Etr. 4)	7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Dwnership Instr. 4)	
										Code	Code V		Amount (A)		Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common S	Stock			10/3	31/202	23				P		1,000	,000	A	A \$2.11 ⁽¹⁾		5,107,901			D	
Common Stock																1,606,842		I I		oy The Modified 2009 WTS rrev Frust Dated	
Common S	Stock																481,721				WAC LLC
			Table II -													Ov	vned			<u> </u>	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution E if any (Month/Day	l Date,	4. Transa Code (8)	action	5. No of Deri Secu Acqu (A) o Disp	umber vative urities uired or osed o) r. 3, 4			Securities Underly			nount of derlying curity		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	cisable	Expiration Date		Title	Nu	nount or mber of ares						
Stock Units (SU)	\$0.00									(2)		(2)	Common Stock 25,225.		,225.91	L4		25,225.914		D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00									(3)		(3)	Commo		180,000			180,000		D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00									(4)	(4)		Commo		180,000			180,000		D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00									(5)		(5)	Comm		29,268			29,268		D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00									(6)		(6)	Comm		43,089			43,089		D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$4.99								03/0	01/2020	02/	28/2029	Commo		78,750			78,750		D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$4.93								03/0	01/2021	02/	28/2030	3/2030 Commo Stock		112,500			112,500		D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$8.81								03/0	1/2022 ⁽⁷⁾	02/	28/2031		Common Stock 90,000				90,000		D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$10.18								03/0	1/2023 ⁽⁷⁾	02/	29/2032	Commo Stock		90,000			90,00	0	D	

- 2. The Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees Deferral Plan in lieu of a portion of the Reporting Person's Director Fees and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock on the last business day of the calendar quarter following cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the Reporting Person.
- 3. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2021 and 12/31/2023 (the "2021-2023 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the portion of the target number of performance-based restricted shares allocated to each applicable performance objective will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objective, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon the level of achievement with respect to the applicable performance Period.
- 4. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2022 and 12/31/2024 (the "2022-2024 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the portion of the target number of performance-based restricted shares allocated to each applicable performance objective will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objective, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon the level of achievement with respect to the applicable performance objective during the 2022-2024 Performance Period.
- 5. The restricted stock units vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. Based on the Reporting Person's prior deferral election pursuant to the terms of the award agreement, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of common stock of the Company upon the Reporting Person's cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the Reporting Person.
- 6. The restricted stock units, which were granted as payment of the Reporting Person's additional annual stipend for serving as the Chair of the Board, vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. Based on the Reporting Person's prior deferral election pursuant to the terms of the award agreement, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of common stock of the Company upon the Reporting Person's cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the Reporting Person.
- 7. Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

Remarks:

<u>Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney</u> <u>in Fact for Wayne T. Smith</u>

11/01/2023

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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