

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WATSON H MITCHELL JR (Last) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD (Street) FRANKLIN TN 37067 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2010 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2010 | | M | | 2,383 | A | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 10,050 | D | |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0.00 | 02/25/2010 | | M | | | 2,383 | 02/25/2010 ⁽²⁾ | (2) | Common Stock | 2,383 | \$0.00 | 4,768 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.00 | 02/24/2010 | | A | | 4,130 | | 02/24/2011 ⁽³⁾ | (3) | Common Stock | 4,130 | \$0.00 | 4,130 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$25.13 | | | | | | | 05/25/2005 | 05/25/2014 | Common Stock | 10,000 | | 10,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$27.71 | | | | | | | 01/03/2006 | 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 5,000 | | 5,000 | D | |
| Stock Units (SU) | \$0.00 | | | | | | | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 7,320.374 | | 7,320.374 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The first vesting period for the Phantom Stock Award (reported in Table II) has passed. Accordingly, 1/3 of the total number of the Award (2,383) is issued to the Reporting Person as 2,383 shares of the Common Stock of the Company.
- The Phantom Stock Award vests in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant (2/25/09). Upon vesting, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of Common stock of the Company.
- The Restricted Stock Units vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary date of the date of grant (2/24/2010). Upon vesting, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of the Common Stock of the Company.
- The SU were accrued under the Company's Directors Fees Deferral Plan and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.

Remarks:

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in 02/26/2010
Fact for H. Mitchell Watson

** 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).

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