FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* WATSON H MITCHELL JR				<u>CO</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD					3. Da	CYH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2012											Officer (below)	Officer (give title		Other (specify below)		
(Street)					4. If a	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)											Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
FRANKLIN TN 37067			37067													X	Form filed by More than One Report				ng	
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)														Person					
		Т	able I - Noi			Se					Disp	_					Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Trans Date (Month/I		ar)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Date,	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
										Code	ode V		unt	(A) 01 (D)	r P	rice	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock				02/23/2012		2				M		1,229		A		\$0.00	15,0	39 I				
Common Stock			02/24	02/24/2012					M		1,377		A	- :	\$0.00		5,416					
Common Stock			02/25	25/2012					M		2,384		A	A \$0.00		18,800		D				
			Table II -	Deriva (e.g., p													wned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Dat if any (Month/Day/Yo	Cod	nsaction le (Instr.		of E		Expira	6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		and	Securities Und				8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	y Ov Fo Dii or (I)	vnership orm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nati of Indin Benefic Owners (Instr. 4	
				Cod	le V		(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expirate Date		Title	Amount Number Shares								
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$25.13								05/25/	/2005	05/25/2014		Common Stock	1	10,000			10,000		D		
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$27.71								01/03/	/2006	01/03	/2015	Common Stock	1	5,000			5,000	000 D			
Phantom Stock	\$0.00	02/25/2012		М				2,384	02/25/	/2010	02/24	/2020	Common Stock	1	2,38	34	\$0.00	0		D		
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00	02/24/2012		М				1,377	02/24	/2011	02/23	/2020	Common Stock	1	1,37	77	\$0.00	1,377		D		
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00	02/23/2012		М				1,229	02/23/	/2012	02/22	/2021	Common Stock	1	1,22	29	\$0.00	2,459		D		
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00								02/16	/2013	02/15	/2022	Common Stock	1	6,64	1 5		6,645		D		
Stock Units (SU)	\$0.00								(1	.)	(:	l)	Common Stock	¹ 14	4,910	.8355		14,910.83	55	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Stock Units 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:

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for H. Mitchell Watson, 04/16/2012 Jr.

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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