# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

## **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 September 12, 2008 (September 8, 2008) Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

# COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-15925 (Commission File Number) 13-3893191 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4000 Meridian Boulevard Franklin, Tennessee 37067 (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 465-7000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (I7 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 8, 2008, effective September 12, 2008, Gary D. Newsome, Division President with reporting responsibility for facilities in Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and West Virginia, tendered his resignation from Community Health Systems, Inc. and its subsidiaries. A successor has not yet been elected.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 12, 2008

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith

Wayne T. Smith Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)

By: <u>/s/ W. Larry Cash</u> W. Larry Cash

W. Larry Cash Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director (principal financial officer)