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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* MILLER DAVID LEWIS | | | | | <u>C(</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC CYH | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD | | | | | Date o | | est Tra | nsaction (Mo | nth/Da | ay/Year) | | Division President | | | | | | | |
| (Street) FRANKLIN TN 37067 | | | | 4. 1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of 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 Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | <u> </u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Da | | | 2. Trans | nsaction | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea | | 3. 4. Securiti Transaction Code (Instr. | | ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Pric | e | Reported Transactio (Instr. 3 an | | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | 12/28/2012 | | | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 334 | 334 A | | (1) | 275,713 | | | D | | | |
| | | | Table II - I | | | | | | quired, D | | | | | | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversi or Exerci: Price of Derivative Security | | | 3A. Deemed Execution Dati if any (Month/Day/Ye | ate, T | ransa | ction | 5. Number of | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | | 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Seci (Instr. 3 and 4) | | ınt | 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) | |
| | | | | С | ode | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Ex Da | piration te | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha | er | | | | | |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$0.00 | 12/28/2012 | | I | A ⁽²⁾ | | 167 | | 02/16/2013 ⁽³ | 02 | 15/2022 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 16 | 7 | (2) | 20,16 | 7 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$32.37 | | | | | | | | 02/28/2006 | 0: | 2/28/2013 | Common Stock | 30,0 | 000 | | 30,00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$38.3 | | | | | | | | 03/01/2007 | 0: | 8/01/2014 | Common Stock | 20,0 | 000 | | 20,00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$37.21 | | | | | | | | 02/28/2008 | 0: | 2/28/2015 | Common Stock | 10,0 | 000 | | 10,00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$40.41 | | | | | | | | 07/25/2008 | 0 | 7/24/2017 | Common Stock | 100,0 | 000 | | 100,00 | 00 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$32.28 | | | | | | | | 02/27/2009 | 0: | 2/26/2018 | Common Stock | 22,0 | 000 | | 22,00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$33.9 | | | | | | | | 02/24/2011 | 0: | 2/23/2020 | Common Stock | 10,0 | 000 | | 10,00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$37.96 | | | | | | | | 02/23/2012 | 0: | 2/22/2021 | Common Stock | 10,0 | 000 | | 10,00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to | \$21.07 | | | | | | | | 02/16/2013 | 0: | 2/15/2022 | Common Stock | 8,00 | 00 | | 8,000 |) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

^{1.} The reporting person received these shares of additional Restricted Stock as a payment-in-kind dividend on shares of Restricted Stock owned on the dividend record date in accordance with the terms of the Restricted Stock Award Agreement (the "Agreement") resulting from the payment on December 28, 2012 of a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock based on the closing price of the issuer's common stock on such dividend payment date, which was \$29.94. Such additional Restricted Stock issued on account of the dividend will vest in installments identical to the vesting of the underlying Restricted Stock owned by the reporting person to which the dividend was paid subject to the Agreement.

^{2.} The reporting person received these shares of additional Performance Based Restricted Stock as a payment-in-kind dividend on shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock owned on the dividend record date in accordance with the terms of the Performance Based Restricted Stock Award Agreement (the "PB Agreement") resulting from the payment on December 28, 2012 of a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock based on the closing price of the issuer's common stock on such dividend payment date, which was \$29.94. Such additional Performance Based Restricted Stock issued on account of the dividend will vest, if at all, in installments identical to the vesting of the underlying Performance Based Restricted Stock owned by the reporting person to which the dividend was paid subject to the PB Agreement, as further described in Footnote 3.

3. 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 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.

Remarks:

<u>Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney</u> in Fact for David L. Miller

01/02/2013

** 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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