
**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

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): August 9, 2016 (August 9, 2016)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On August 9, 2016, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that Tim L. Hingtgen, currently serving as Executive Vice President-Operations of the Company, has been appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, to be effective on September 1, 2016. David L. Miller, currently President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, whose retirement on December 31, 2016 had previously been announced, will in the interim serve as special advisor to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference into this Item 5.02.

Item 9.01 **Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

The following item is included as an Exhibit to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release dated August 9, 2016.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 9, 2016

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith
Wayne T. Smith
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

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**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS ANNOUNCES THAT TIM L. HINGTGEN
WILL BECOME PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (August 9, 2016) — Community Health Systems, Inc. (NYSE: CYH) announced today that Tim L. Hingtgen will be promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer, effective September 1, 2016.

Commenting on Hingtgen's promotion, Wayne T. Smith, chairman and chief executive officer of Community Health Systems, Inc., said, "Tim is an extremely effective, results-driven healthcare executive and an experienced operator who has provided outstanding leadership for some of our most successful markets. Tim is meticulous about setting operating standards and has a track record of executing strategies that support clinical excellence, business development and growth. In his new role, I'm confident Tim will lead Community Health Systems forward as we work to achieve higher levels of performance across our organization."

Hingtgen will succeed David L. Miller, who previously announced his plans to retire from the Company at the end of the year. Hingtgen and Miller work closely together and will ensure a smooth transition of leadership. Miller will complete his twenty-year tenure with Community Health Systems by serving as special advisor to the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Hingtgen, age 48, joined Community Health Systems in 2008 as a Vice President of Operations. In January 2014, he was promoted to President of Division IV Operations, and in May 2016, he was promoted to Executive Vice President of Operations. Prior to joining Community Health Systems, Hingtgen served as a chief operating or chief executive officer of hospital facilities at another for-profit hospital system. He holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

About Community Health Systems, Inc.

Community Health Systems, Inc. is one of the largest publicly traded hospital companies in the United States and a leading operator of general acute care hospitals in communities across the country. The Company, through its subsidiaries, owns, leases or operates 159 affiliated hospitals in 22 states with an aggregate of nearly 27,000 licensed beds. The Company's headquarters are located in Franklin, Tennessee, a suburb south of Nashville. Shares in Community Health Systems, Inc. are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CYH." More information about the Company can be found on its website at www.chs.net.

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Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this news release regarding expected operating results, acquisition transactions or divestitures and other events are forward-looking statements that involve risk and uncertainties. Actual future events or results may differ materially from these statements. Readers are referred to the documents filed by Community Health Systems, Inc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's annual report on Form 10-K, current reports on Form 8-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. These filings identify important risk factors and other uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, or to make any other forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Community Health Systems, Inc.

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