
**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): December 13, 2017 (December 12, 2017)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-15925
(Commission File Number)

13-3893191
(IRS 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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

On December 12, 2017, the board of directors of Community Health System, Inc. (the “Company”) elected Michael Dinkins and K. Ranga Krishnan, MBBS, to the Company’s board of directors. Their respective terms will expire at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Prior to such elections, the Company’s board of directors increased the number of directors of the Company from eight to ten.

Pursuant to a final order of settlement by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee in the derivative action *In re Community Health Systems, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, entered on January 17, 2017, the Company sought the names of prospective candidates for the board of directors from its stockholders (excluding employees of the Company) who have continuously held at least one percent (1%) of the Company’s outstanding common stock for a period of at least one (1) year. Mr. Dinkins and Dr. Krishnan were identified in this process and, following an appropriate review, have been elected to the board of directors.

Mr. Dinkins and Dr. Krishnan will receive compensation as non-employee directors in accordance with the Company’s non-employee director compensation program described in the Company’s proxy statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 6, 2017. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Dinkins or Dr. Krishnan and any other person pursuant to which either Mr. Dinkins or Dr. Krishnan was selected as a director, and the Company has no related party transactions with either Mr. Dinkins or Dr. Krishnan or any of their related persons that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

In conjunction with the election of Mr. Dinkins and Dr. Krishnan to the board of directors, the board of directors has reorganized the composition of the board committees as follows:

Audit and Compliance Committee

John A. Clerico
Michael Dinkins
James S. Ely (chair)
H. James Williams, PhD.

Compensation Committee

John A. Clerico (chair)
John A. Fry
Julia B. North

Governance and Nominating Committee

John A. Fry
William Norris Jennings, M.D.
K. Ranga Krishnan, MBBS
Julia B. North (chair)

On December 13, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Dinkins and Dr. Krishnan to its board of directors. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

99.1 [Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release, dated December 13, 2017](#)

SIGNATURE

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: December 13, 2017

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
(Registrant)

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



**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. ANNOUNCES ELECTION
OF TWO NEW INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (December 13, 2017) — Community Health Systems, Inc. (NYSE:CYH) announced today that the Company's Board of Directors has elected Michael Dinkins and K. Ranga Krishnan, MBBS, to the Board of Directors for terms that will expire at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Mr. Dinkins, age 63, has extensive experience as a director and a chief financial officer of a publicly traded company. He brings considerable knowledge of complex financial and operational issues facing large organizations operating in challenging environments. From 2008 until 2012, Mr. Dinkins served on the board of directors of Integer Holdings Corp., a medical device outsource manufacturer and developer of high-end batteries for niche applications in medical and energy markets. In 2012, Mr. Dinkins resigned his board seat to serve as senior vice president, and then executive vice president, and chief financial officer of Integer Holdings until his retirement in March 2017. Prior to serving as chief financial officer of Integer Holdings, Mr. Dinkins served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of USI Insurance Services, an insurance intermediary company, from 2008 until 2012. From 2005 until 2008, Mr. Dinkins was executive vice president and chief financial officer of Hilb Rogal & Hobbs, Co., an insurance and risk management services company. Mr. Dinkins was vice president, global control & reengineering at Guidant Operation from 2004 to 2005 and vice president and chief financial officer for NCR Worldwide Customer Service Operation from 2002 to 2004. Prior to 2002, he held senior positions at Access Worldwide Communications, Cadmus Communications Group and General Electric Company. Mr. Dinkins is also a former director of LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc. Mr. Dinkins has served on the National Council on Compensation Insurance since 2015.

Dr. Krishnan, age 61, holds a medical degree from Madras Medical College in Madras, India, and has served as the dean and a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Rush Medical College since 2015. He is also senior vice president of Rush University Medical Center, an internationally recognized academic health system in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Krishnan serves as a member of the board of directors of Singapore Health Services, the largest healthcare system in Singapore and also serves as chairman of the National Medical Research Council and the National Health Innovation Center in Singapore. From 2008 to 2015, Dr. Krishnan served as dean at the Duke-NUS Medical School, a joint venture between Duke University in Durham, North Carolina and the National University of Singapore in Singapore. Prior to and during his tenure at Duke-NUS Medical School, Dr. Krishnan was a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University Medical Center, including service as chairman of psychiatry and behavioral sciences from 1998 to 2009. Dr. Krishnan is a member of several professional societies, including the American Psychiatric Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the New York Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science. He has written three books and published more than 400 journal articles and 50 textbook chapters.

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“We are pleased to welcome two highly qualified, independent directors who bring diverse experiences, perspective and knowledge to our Board of Directors,” said Wayne T. Smith, chairman and chief executive officer of Community Health Systems, Inc. “These new directors will complement our existing board strengths and offer additional insights. Our Board of Directors is committed to providing strong governance of our organization, as we work to deliver value to our shareholders and quality healthcare to the communities we serve.”

As part of a settlement in a derivative action lawsuit finalized in January 2017, the Company sought the names of prospective candidates for the Board of Directors from its stockholders, excluding employees of the Company, who have continuously held at least one percent of the Company’s outstanding common stock for a period of at least one year. Mr. Dinkins and Dr. Krishnan were identified in this process and, following an appropriate review, were elected to the Board of Directors.

As of December 12, 2017, the Company’s board members are: John A. Clerico, Michael Dinkins, James S. Ely III, John A. Fry, Tim L. Hingtgen, W. Norris Jennings, M.D., K. Ranga Krishnan, MBBS, Julia B. North, Wayne T. Smith, and H. James Williams, PhD.

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 127 affiliated hospitals in 20 states with an aggregate of approximately 21,000 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.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this news release regarding expected operating results and other events that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions or that include words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “estimates,” “thinks,” and similar expressions 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.

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