FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT C	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NORTH JULIA B				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC										(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
NORTH JULIA B					СҮН]									X	X Director			10% Owner			
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)					Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)										Officer (below)	give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD					02/25/2009																
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
FRANK	LIN T	N	37067										X	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting							
(City)	(S	state)	(Zip)													Person					
		Ta	ıble I - Non	-Deriva	ative	Se	curiti	ies A	Acqu	ired, I	Disp	osed	of, or	3enet	icially	Owned					
Date			2. Transa Date (Month/D		ar)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		ate,	e, Transaction D Code (Instr. 5			urities Acc sed Of (D)			5. Amoun Securities Beneficial Owned Fo	ly	Form:	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										Code	v	Amoun	nt (4	A) or D)	Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 au	action(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock															21,000			D			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security			3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye	Coc	ansaction ode (Instr.		of Ex		Expira	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		and	7. Title and Amou Securities Under Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbo derivativ Securitie Beneficia Owned Followin Reported Transact (Instr. 4)	e es ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	le V		(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Exp Date	iration	Title		unt or ber of es						
Stock Options (Right to Buy	\$27.86								12/1	4/2005	12/1	4/2014	Common Stock	1 10),000		10,00	00	D		
Stock Units (SU)	\$0.00								((1)		(1)	Common Stock	2,98	39.931		2,989.	931	D		
Phantom	\$18.18 ⁽²⁾	02/25/2009	02/25/2009	A			7,151		02/25	/2010 ⁽²⁾		(2)	Commo	7	.151	\$0.00	7,15	1	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The SU 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.
- 2. The Phantom Stock Award vests in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. Upon vesting, the holder will be issued that number of shares of Common stock of the Company.

Remarks:

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for Julia B. North

02/27/2009

** 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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