

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SMITH WAYNE T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7100 COMMERCE WAY, SUITE 100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/13/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, President & CEO

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/13/2006	03/13/2006	M		200,000	A	\$ 13
Common Stock	03/13/2006	03/13/2006	S		160,000	D	\$ 39.017 (1)
Common Stock	03/14/2006	03/14/2006	S		40,000	D	\$ 39.0013 (2)
Common Stock							2,000
						I	Spouse

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount (Number of Shares)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13	03/13/2006	03/13/2006	M	200,000	06/08/2001	06/08/2010	Common Stock	200,000
Performance Based Restricted Shares	\$ 0					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH WAYNE T 7100 COMMERCE WAY SUITE 100	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for Wayne T.
Smith

03/14/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Shares were sold in a series of transactions at an average sales price of \$39.017.

(2) Shares were sold in a series of transactions at an average sale price of \$39.0013.

(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, 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.

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