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1 Name and A	ddress of Reportin	a Person *	2.1	N	T . 1	т I.		5 Relationship of	Reporting Pers	son(s) to	
PORTACC	2. Issuer Symbol	Name and	Ticker or	Tradi	ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
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	COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]					(Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		_				Director	10%	Owner	
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2010					Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Division President			
(Street)				ndment, Da	-	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da	ate 2A. Dee	med	3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Yea	r) Executio	on Date, if	Transactio		•		Beneficially	Form: Direct		
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/	Day/Vaar)	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)			Beneficial	
		(Ivionul/	Day/Year) (Instr. 8)					Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
								Reported	(11047-1)	(1115411-1)	
						(A) or		Transaction(s)			
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common	02/27/2010			F			\$	122 (70	D		
Stock	02/27/2010			F	4,253	D	34.27	133,670	D		
Common							\$				
Stock	02/28/2010			F	4,010	D	ъ 34.27	129,660	D		
STOCK							54.27				

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	of Den Sec Acc (A) Dis of ((Ins	rivative curities quired) or sposed		te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	/ (A)) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0						(1)	(1)	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41						07/25/2008	07/25/2015	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28						02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21						02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3						03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37						02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3						05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	200,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9						02/24/2011	02/24/2020	Common Stock	10,000

Stock Options (Right to Buy)

\$ 18.18

02/25/2010 02/25/2019 Common Stock 10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PORTACCI MICHAEL T 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067			Division President					
Signatures								
Christopher Cobb, Attorney in Fact Portacci	t for Micł	nael T.	03/01/2010					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Pe	erson		Date					

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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

(1) 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.

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