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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Smith Martin Dewayne Issuer Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS INC [CYH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD 02/16/2012 Division President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting FRANKLIN, TN 37067 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 73,222 D Stock

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of	
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/16/2012		A	20,000	02/16/2013(1)	02/15/2022	Common Stock	20	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.17	02/16/2012		A	8,000	02/16/2013 ⁽²⁾	02/15/2022	Common Stock	8	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.7					05/21/2003	05/20/2012	Common Stock	2	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.7					12/09/2004	12/08/2013	Common Stock	5	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13					05/25/2005	05/25/2014	Common Stock	2	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	5	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	1	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	8	

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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.11	12/10/2009	12/09/2018	Common Stock	6
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28	02/27/2009	02/27/2018	Common Stock	1
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18	02/25/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock	6
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9	02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/23/2012(1)	02/22/2021	Common Stock	4(
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Smith Martin Dewayne						
4000 MERIDIAN BLVD			Division President			
FRANKLIN, TN 37067						

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Martin D.
Smith
02/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
 - 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.
- (2) Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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