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COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC Form 4 March 03, 2006 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SMITH WAYNE T Issuer Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS INC [CYH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 7100 COMMERCE WAY, SUITE 03/01/2006 Chairman, President & CEO 100 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 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 Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) anv Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Ownership (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common D 596,221 Stock Common 2,000 I Spouse Stock Common 03/01/2006 F 12.150 D 584,071 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)

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. Transaa Code (Instr. 8		5. Number Derivative Securities Acquired (Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 5)	(A) or of (D)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	A Title N S
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13							06/08/2001	06/08/2010	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	03/01/2006		А		100,000		03/01/2007(1)	03/01/2014	Common Stock
Performance Based Restricted Shares	\$ 0	03/01/2006		А		100,000		(2)	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SMITH WAYNE T 7100 COMMERCE WAY SUITE 100 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027	Х		Chairman, President & CEO			

Signatures

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

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

Date

03/03/2006

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

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

(2) 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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