COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC Form 8-K December 09, 2015

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): December 9, 2015 (December 9, 2015)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 001-15925 (Commission 13-3893191 (IRS Employer

of incorporation or organization)

File Number) 4000 Meridian Boulevard **Identification No.)**

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Franklin, Tennessee 37067

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (615) 465-7000

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 9, 2015, H. James Williams, Ph.D., was elected as a director to the Company s board of directors and accepted this appointment. His term will expire at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Prior to such appointment, the Company s board of directors increased the number of directors of the Company from eight to nine. Dr. Williams has not yet been appointed to any committees of the board of directors.

Dr. Williams will receive compensation as a non-employee director in accordance with the Company s non-employee director compensation program described in the Company s proxy statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 3, 2015. There is no arrangement or understanding pursuant to which Dr. Williams was selected as a director, and the Company has no related party transactions with Dr. Williams or any of his related persons that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

On December 9, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Dr. Williams. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits The following exhibits are filed herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release, dated December 9, 2015

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 9, 2015

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. (Registrant)

- By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith Wayne T. Smith Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)
- By: /s/ W. Larry Cash W. Larry Cash President of Financial Services, Chief Financial Officer and Director (principal financial officer)