KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC Form 8-K January 12, 2010

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): January 11, 2010

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

001-14057 (Commission 61-1323993 (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

File Number)

Identification No.)

680 South Fourth Street

Louisville, Kentucky

(Address of principal executive offices)

40202-2412

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (502) 596-7300

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation to the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Incorporated by reference is a press release issued by Kindred Healthcare, Inc. on January 11, 2010 which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated January 11, 2010.

SIGNATURES

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 hereto duly authorized.

Date: January 12, 2010

By: /s/ Joseph L. Landenwich

Joseph L. Landenwich

Senior Vice President of Corporate Legal Affairs

and Corporate Secretary