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Ms. Palmer will address the COVID-19 pandemic and the correlation and impact of social determinants on patient outcomes.

John Jenkins, MD  
Faculty AHEC / Cone Health  
Telehealth: Advancements and Opportunities  
Dr. Jenkins will outline the increasing value of telehealth and its role optimizing patient care, in context of the pandemic and its implications for rural nursing.

Melissa L. Zook, MD, FAAFP, FASAM, AAHIVS  
London, KY / Family Medicine  
Healing Through Storytelling: Insights from a Practitioner  
A family physician practicing cradle-to-grave medicine in the Appalachian foothills of Eastern KY, Dr. Zook will share her journey of becoming a 21st century country physician.

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